



## 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 36

### OPEN QUESTION

I've worked on Climate Change Education, aquatic invasive species, PFAS and Env. Justice mostly. I'd like to do more for extended producer responsibility, polystyrene ban, climate change mitigation, open land preservation, tree-cutting abatement/protocol, and solid waste management. Basically, CTLCV's priorities are my priorities.

#### 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes  
Partnering with Rep. Reyes of Waterbury, the CT Sunrise Movement, Save the Sound and the Green Eco Warriors (to name a few groups) on EJ was both a privilege and a challenge. DEEP needs to tighten up permitting big-time!!

#### 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes  
This is a priority (see above). We need to stand up to lobbyists. I am currently doing a "dog-and-pony show" in my district about how the "average" citizen can testify. I did a brief analysis of a typical ENC Committee public hearing from February. There were 44 paid lobbyists fro industry, 21 professional "white hat" (env.) lobbyists/advocates, and only 19 citizens. This must change!

#### 3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes  
See above, please. Must start with schools. Move on to restaurants, probably giving them a chance to use up inventory.

#### 4) PFAS:

- Yes  
It was an honor to shepherd the PFAS bill through the House!

**5) NEONICOTINOIDS:**

- Yes  
One of the things that traded away this year. Groan.

**6) RODENTICIDES:**

- yes  
We need to do a better job convincing homeowners of the alternatives. Some video of raptor being poisoned would strengthen our case.

**7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:**

- Yes  
The data center bill was bundled with some good things. We need to revisit this.

**8) BEARS:**

- yes  
We need to take farmers into consideration BUT the anti-bear lobby has put out a lot of disinformation we need to counter.

**9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:**

- Yes  
I called (unsuccessfully) for a ban on tree-cutting until I saw proof DEEP and DOT were following the stated protocols. I got no response. This is unacceptable and is now a priority for me.

**10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**

- Yes  
One of Joe Gresko's priorities, which I worked on with him. I learned that individual realtors in my area supported the bill but that they were intimidated into opposing it by the realty lobby. Something to investigate.

**11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**

- Yes  
I need to learn more about this.

**12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:**

- yes
- I've advocated for this on GAE Comm. Will continue to do so. I am so glad CTLCV is taking on voting rights!!!

