



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

I've mostly worked on conservation and research collaboration opportunities for American scientists in my time at the U.S. Department of State. What I'd like to focus on for the 2023 legislative session as my top priority is getting state lawyers to draft a model agreement that municipalities and school districts can use to get private investors to support transitions to geothermal heating and cooling. Outside the box, yes. But, it is doable. Non-profits already have some of these agreements. Why is it important to the environment? 82% of the world's heating oil supply is used in the American North East. School districts can use over 100,000 gallons in a single year. Here in Colchester, we even had an oil leak. Transitioning to geothermal comes with large fiscal savings over time and cleaner energy across the state. It also clears up roofs to have more solar. Why haven't we done this yet? the 26% federal subsidy is in the form of a tax rebate...hence the need for private investors.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes
As a former Eagle Scout and someone who worked on environmental justice issues in countries throughout North and South America, this isn't a nice to have it is a must have.\

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

4) PFAS:

- Yes

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

I think we also need to look at all our agriculture policies and make sure they make sense. What I'm hearing from farmers, is that they incentivize the use of many chemicals.

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain
- I just have to learn more about the impacts here.