



CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF
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2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Toni Boucher (Republican)

Senate District 26

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?

Yes

2) State Water Plan:

Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?

Yes

3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:

Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

Uncertain

4) Plastic Bag Pollution:

Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?

Yes

5) Gas Pipeline:

Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?

Yes

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

I was possibly the only republican to vote in favor of the original global warming/carbon pricing bill proposed by Governor Rell and DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy

7) Additional Comments:

My record on the environment is based on a set of values and not on politics. My strong environmental beliefs were developed as a farmer's daughter, born in a farm house not a hospital. I was surrounded by open space, natural water sources, fields, gardens, livestock- the good earth from birth. My top concerns are clean water, reducing the use of plastics and addressing the need for more and better mass transit options.

As an elected official it is my responsibility not only to represent your interests but to get results. A partial list of my work on the environment include:

- Helped to renovate the New Canaan Nature center
- Saving Danbury train line and computerized its signal systems
- Added 400 new rail cars and fought for upgrades to all our branch lines as co-chair of finance subcommittee for transportation
- Widen Route 7 instead of Building Super 7- Stopped a massive Super 7 highway - 4 times
- Worked to place new overhead power lines through 10 towns underground
- Introduced law to create the NVRT Greenway from Norwalk to Danbury
- Broke the tie vote to shut down sooty six as a state rep for the 143th
- Only R to vote for the global warming bill
- Partnered with Paul Newman to save Kelda land/ Troutbrook reservoir land from massive development
- Helped fight the construction of Natural gas facility in the middle of Long Island sound
- 20% open space by 2023 and Farmland preservation bill
- Helped to save Ambler Farm in Wilton and Wakeman Farm in Westport (DEP \$)
- Helped Norwalk and Westport (Matt Mandell) save Cranbury and Partick neighborhoods- DEP \$
- Often had a 100% Environmental voting record
- Worked to expand solar power, and fuel cell technology
- Advocate for and voted for lower emissions mandates for CT and alternative fuel initiatives
- Former ranking member of Housing Committee held hearings on 8-30G and submitted dozens of bill to reform and testified, wrote and spoke on behalf

- As co-chair on Transportation fought for mass transit improvements and expansion, defeated efforts by Governor office to take over areas around trains and transit for private purposes and override local P and Z
 - Fighting efforts by Hartford leaders to regionalized P and Z functions
- In my private sector work- our firm was a signatory to PRI (Principals of Responsible investing) in February 2013. Its goals promote ESG (Environment, social and good governance)

Our firm also had developed grown breaking investment programs for nonprofits and public sector investment in Low Carbon and alternative fuel investments.



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