



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate District 30

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

Water is a public trust. It must be managed to provide for healthy CT>

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?

Yes

Land trusts in Northwest CT have proven to be successful in preserving open space.

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

To transition I would propose incentives to consumers/businesses so they would not choose plastic bags.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Yes

We should be investing in green energy.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

Transition to clean energy must be encouraged and financed.

7) Additional Comments:

The rollback of environmental protections by the current federal administration is alarming. Presently, the federal government refuses to acknowledge climate change. Recently, the Trump Administration has proposed an end to fuel efficient cars by lowering emission standards. This is clearly another blatant disregard to the reality of climate change. This action jeopardizes our health, increases air pollution, and advances the process of global warming. We in Connecticut must preserve our open spaces, water supplies, forests, wildlife, and shoreline. State legislation is key to combating the destructive policies of the federal government. We cannot allow Connecticut to fall victim to disastrous policies, "once our resources are gone, we cannot get them back."