



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Ross Tartell (Democrat)

House District 125

**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?**

Yes

**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?**

Uncertain

While I am not an advocate of pipelines - I think they can be extraordinarily invasive and dangerous to the environment, I also believe that they can be safer and provide better distribution than using trucks as the primary means of

distribution. Ultimately - the cost of gas will determine if utilities will use it for electric power generation.

**6) Carbon Pricing:**

**Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?**

Yes

This is an initiative that will need to be partnered in other states. Otherwise - other states will provide the carbon based fuels used in Connecticut because the costs of the fuel will reflect current pricing practices, while Connecticut prices will reflect the full cost.

**7) Additional Comments:**

The President's approach to climate change is putting our world at risk and we are running out of time. My position is that we can no longer drain our world's resources without regard for the impact of those actions. I expect to do everything possible to mitigate the impact of current Federal Policy.