



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 138

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

I believe that we should get the job done sooner. We need to deal with the energy companies and push them to affordable clean energy for is we do not we will just add to the global warming that is going on.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

I would like to see the plan and make sure that is is strong enough.

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

I have been a fighter for open space for over 30 years. Through my work fighting city hall, I and my group have saved over 100 ac. in the city of Danbury. Last night I was testifying at city hall to save another 28ac.

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

As someone who is in the out doors much of the day, I do everything to minimize my footprint on the earth. We recycle, compost and use reusable products when ever possible. We need to push to biodegradable materials.

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

We need to make it so that it is profitable to turn to clean energy and carbon pricing is a good start

7) Additional Comments:

When I was a young boy active in scouting, who became an eagle scout, I learned the value of a healthy environment and the pleasures that the outdoors and open space give. These are resources that I have fought to save all my adult life. I have a long history of fighting for open space, preservation of sensitive wild life corridors and our water courses. I have lead fights to preserve 100's of acres of open space, pushed for more passive recreation to even keeping chemicals out of Candlewood lake and saving our fish population. My commitment to the environment is well documented in hours of testimony in Danbury.