



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Matt Blumenthal (Democrat)

House District 147

**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?**

Yes

**6) Carbon Pricing:**

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

Yes

## **7) Additional Comments:**

With regard to my answers to each of the questions above: The policies discussed in all the questions above must be implemented in a manner that does not unduly burden our economy, especially small businesses, and does not create an additional burden to families who already struggle to get by. I will support specific measures that properly take these considerations into account. Additionally, I support efforts to protect the environment and fight climate change not mentioned in this questionnaire. I support Connecticut working with other sub-national entities to develop ways to limit our carbon footprint and fight climate change. I support providing incentives and investment to assist clean energy sources in becoming more competitive in the energy market. I support measures to hold polluters accountable for the damage they do to our environment, our water, and our air.