



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 18

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

Clean energy is critical for a multitude of reasons. Firstly, to preserve our air, water, and earth for future generations. Secondly, to make the U.S. energy independent. And thirdly, to help save money and resources.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

I am an active supporter, participant, and speaker for "save our water". I opposed Niagra bottling publicly and many, many times spoke out about the lack of oversight of the MDC and water. I also wrote a letter to the legislature and posted on my Facebook page that water is a public trust. I spoke out against my own party because I believe water is a public trust b

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

It is taxed to death. We already have a conveyance tax/fee on all real estate transactions, which hurts realtors, investors, and homeowners. I would be in favor of designating a portion of the existing fee to land acquisitions, or having a seller or buyer voluntarily designate a fee towards public land acquisition. I'm a bit

worried about unintended consequences of an additional conveyance fee. I do support protecting 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

Plastic presents a severe threat to our environment, particularly waterways and wildlife. It would be preferred that businesses voluntarily stopped offering these bags. If they do not, we need incentives or penalties.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Uncertain

I don't have all the facts. However, I do support efforts to drive down the cost of energy in CT to make us more competitive.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Uncertain

On face value this seems like another tax in an already overtaxed state. I would support another way of doing this. We are on life support economically. Another tax will make us even less competitive. I would support when there are more renewables, as consumers would have choice.

7) Additional Comments:

There is very little more important than our environment. We recycled as a family in the 60's, before it was in vogue. I compost, recycle, "precycle", and support renewables. I fought for open space in my hometown. I am a member of Save our water and frequently speak out and write on their behalf. I have water saving devices in my home, have looked into solar panels, and would love to have a geothermal home system. I've always participated in earth day. I'd love to work on initiatives to get suppliers and vendors to reduce their packaging and footprint. I'm teaching my 8 year daughter to conserve, recycle, and reduce our footprint. It's critical we save our Mother Earth.