



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 22

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

This could encourage companies that are involved in clean energy to locate in the state and provide jobs

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

I feel it is important to protect our water supply. With droughts over the past several years, we have to protect our water supply

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

In a small way by preserving our forest and farms, we are fighting against climate change. Open spaces have a cooling effect that a parking lot or building structures can't. And people can enjoy viewing nature in its own environment.

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

What i like to first is to encourage store is to offer 5 -10 cents off their purchases per bag that customers bring with them to use. Almost all the stores sell the shopping bags that can be used over for shopping. This offer an incentive to customers to reuse. If that failed, I would support such a bill.

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?

Uncertain

i would have to look at the plan that would do that

7) Additional Comments: