

2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment Ken Richards (Republican)

House District 41

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050: Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?

Yes

I currently have solar on my roof, I believe we have become too reliant on non renewable energy as a country and need to invest heavily in renewable energy sources to ensure a clean world for our children and grandchildren.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Uncertain

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

I stand by the issue of tax, we are burden enough and should not burden our citizens with more taxes.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Uncertain

I honestly would have to research this more, my biggest concern is the burden on our citizens, businesses will pass this cost off to the consumer essentially another tax.

7) Additional Comments: