



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Thomas O'Brien (Democrat)

House District 67

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

Water is our most important natural resource. Access to it must be considered a public good that is off limits to corporate profit-seeking.

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

Anyone who claims to believe in free-market capitalism (especially if they insist that renewables receive no government subsidies) must account for the externalities that fossil fuels are not held to account for.

7) Additional Comments: