



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Steve Cassano (Democrat)

Senate District 4

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?

Uncertain

At this time I am inclined to support the plan as submitted and look forward to receiving more up-to-date information. The State Water Plan was a major accomplishment and the public trust matter must be resolved. I look forward to working with CTLCV, the Planning & Development committee, and stakeholders to solve this critical issue as I have done in the past.

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?

Uncertain

We need much more objective information before we make changes that could have long term negative impacts. We need to be 100% correct before choosing a course of action.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

7) Additional Comments:

I worked diligently to secure an item on the September State Bond Commission agenda that provides ten million dollars for the Town of Glastonbury to purchase all of the MDC land in town for open space. It will be the largest purchase of its kind in CT history. I would be honored to once again have the endorsement of the CT League of Conservation Voters. If you have any questions or concerns, please call my cell phone at 860-478-5535