



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate District 12

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

I absolutely support this and hoping that with full commitment on the part of the legislature and constituents, that this is indeed a possibility. Federal support will be necessary, but I believe with the current administration, we are seeing a halt in progress. We must do what we can to insulate our state from this backpedaling and move towards 100% clean energy with large strides.

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

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

We have a very active land trust in Guilford and in several other towns within the 12th district. We need to protect open space and provide means for municipalities where possible.

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

There is an initiative to ban single-use plastic bags in my hometown of Guilford. I have signed the petition and willing to help further the cause in ways the local organization, BYOGuilford needs.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Yes

Taxpayers should not bear the brunt of the expansion of fossil fuels when we really need to be reducing our dependence on the same.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

We've long known that carbon pollution is harmful and carbon pricing will effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions. My hope is that legislators in Connecticut, together with the assistance of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, will move beyond just the power sector covered currently.

7) Additional Comments: