



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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Senate District 28

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

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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?

Uncertain

Hartford's inability to prioritize funding is a major concern on the well intended effectiveness of this additional taxation effort. I am concerned about the implementation of taxation increases on our communities, businesses and residents. That said, I remain steadfast in increasing local land conservation efforts with federal, state and local officials - compromise and prioritization is critical.

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?

Uncertain

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7) Additional Comments:

I would be honored and privileged to earn the endorsement of CTLCV and continue working collaboratively to protecting and preserving our environment and natural resources.