



Candidate Questionnaire October 2018

Food Lifeline’s goal is to elevate the issue of hunger with candidates during the election cycle. Each candidate for state and federal office received our questionnaire. For every candidate that replied, their original responses are presented as submitted. See results at foodlifeline.org/advocacy.

Christine Kilduff	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 28, Position 2 (University Place)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	The deck is stacked against middle and lower income families. Here in Washington State I will continue to fight for a revenue system in which people pay their fair share so we can grow our economy from the middle out, not top down. We have over 700 tax loopholes that favor too many corporate interests and benefit those at the top. Key to economic success, and delivering on critical promises like public education, is a fair revenue system that does not disproportionately burden the middle class, struggling folks and seniors on fixed incomes. By alleviating the financial burden of our regressive tax system on middle- and lower-income families we give them the ability to better allocate their resources and provide for their children.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	There are too many children in Washington who are food insecure and right here in Pierce County 1 in 4 children face hunger every day. This past session I am proud to have supported legislation to help children who do not get the adequate nutrition they need. Last session, I proudly supported HB 1508 implementing a Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) program, which allows students to choose from a variety of breakfast options after the first bell of the day. No student should have to start the school day when hungry and a strong breakfast start sets kids up for academic success. I also support initiatives like the Hunger-Free Students’ bill of rights, HB 2620, that bans school lunch shaming and ensure access to healthy meals for Washington’s students. am excited to continue to support legislation like this and BAB that address hunger and supports students and families.
Food insecurity is a major contributor to poor health and higher healthcare costs, what steps or legislative actions would you take to help food insecure people with chronic diseases, like diabetes, have access to nutritious food?	Without access to healthy food one cannot have good health and I am in full support of policies that expand food access, minimize food insecurity and promote wellness that can help stave off chronic illness. I was honored to support HB 2877 (2016) addressing the SNAP program and modifying its benefit distribution model. This law expands the date range for SNAP benefits to be distributed, increases the range of food products and allows families to shop without having to navigate long lines. I also support ensuring that students in our schools have

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access to health meals and don't have to have lunch co-pays similar to the policy proposed in HB 2964 (2016) . I look forward to partnering with my colleagues on eradicating food insecurity in our state.

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