



Candidate Questionnaire

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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.

Christopher Tracy	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 8, Position 2 (Richland)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	It all comes down to money. I will support efforts to increase state revenue so we can better fund our programs that address hunger, poverty and increase opportunities. I will support ending tax loopholes, support a capital gains tax so the wealthy pay a fair share of their income in taxes, etc. Some of the additional revenue can go to help address the poverty and related issues that are not properly funded currently.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I will strongly support the Breakfast After the Bell program. I will support funding preschool programs, more funding for high poverty schools, and funding after school programs for children, etc.
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?	I will support a higher reimbursement rate for Medicaid to increase access to health care and support, including nutrition counseling. I will support closer partnerships and funding for counties to help address mental health issues. I will support a higher level of support from the state to assist people., including housing and food issues.

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