



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.

Claus Joens	Candidate for Washington State Senate, District 39 (Marblemount)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	Feeding the hungry and clothing the poor are the two biggest moral imperatives of government. We should integrate schools and food banks so no children escape detection and parents can be fed when dropping off or picking up students if needed.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I am a school teacher in a district with 80% poverty. I would work on increasing women's rights during pregnancy and children's rights birth through age 3. Once completed we can progress to age 3-6. I will be contacting you for this process.
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?	People under chronic stress such as food insecurity are not selecting their diets. It might be time to provide weekly food and menu kits instead of vouchers.

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