



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.

Emily Randall	Candidate for Washington State Senate, District 26 (Port Orchard)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	Our most underserved community members must have a voice in the discussion of what services they need to thrive and grow in our district. As a lawmaker, I will look at all issues and policy through racial, social, and economic justice lens, and be committed to serving everyone.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	When children experience food insecurity, it can have lifelong ramifications. We know that children in school who worry about where their next meal comes from may not be able to concentrate on school work or other educational goals. We must prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable among us and give battling food insecurity our full attention.
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?	Too many marginalized communities live in food deserts. It can be a challenge to find healthy food easily accessed in your area when you have transportation struggles. The 26th district has a long way to go to help our neighbors get regular and easy access to areas with services we need, and healthy food options we can afford. With so many of us working several part time jobs and struggling with paying the rent and covering health care bills, it can be hard to prioritize taking care of ourselves nutritionally. I pledge to do everything I can to help listen to and represent my constituents in working hard to have better access to all forms of self care, including nutrition.

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