



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.

Kristine Reeves	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 30 Position 2 (Federal Way)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	We must ensure every family has provisions for their basic needs, which means an ability to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads and clothes on their backs. I am committed to fighting to address the housing unaffordability crisis we are facing, address wage inequality and supporting a stronger reform of our tax system.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	As the daughter of a single mother who grew up in and out of foster care, was homeless and often times hungry living on welfare, food insecurity is one of my most memorable traumas growing up. I am committed to ensuring we continue to provide supports to local food banks whether in the capital or operating budget, that we support local farmer's markets in providing fresh food for low income and working families, and that programs like breakfast after the bell and summer lunch programs continue, but we must do more. No child should go hungry in this state. We must eliminate school lunch shaming programs, support access to free and reduced lunch programs and commit that our children should never go hungry.
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?	Growing up, my single mom worked multiple jobs to support her three kids. Often, however, fruits and vegetables were too expensive and pre-packaged food cheaper and more convenient for a working mom's hectic schedule. therefore, I can clearly remember hostess fruit pies and twinkies being what we go to eat for breakfast on our way out the door to school and that was when we had food at all. Because I did not develop good eating habits in my childhood, I am now a pre-diabetic fighting to break down bad food habits and build a better more healthy lifestyle. If we focused on making sure our kids got the right kinds of food to eat, we could be instilling life habits that amount to preventative healthcare today. I look forward to continuing to fight for WIC access to farmers markets and community gardens, or for EBT access to groceries that support specific health needs. creating a return on investment for taxpayers by fronting the lesser cost today is the right thing to do.

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