



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.

Lisa Brown	Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, District 5 (Spokane)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	I’ve served in leadership roles that have been informed and influenced by perspective on health-care issues, including nutrition. In the state legislature, I sponsored a bill that allowed WIC coupons to be used at farmer’s markets, and believe that adding a nutrition title to the farm bill would be best for Washington residents. Improving access to affordable healthcare, education, and WiFi, in addition to boosting the nutrition component of the farm bill, are just a few steps that would improve the health and alleviate poverty of Washington residents across the board.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I support Sen. Murray’s Stop Child Summer Hunger Act, and would work to pass similar legislation, to ensure children in food insecure have access to the nutrition necessary to be healthy, learn, and achieve their dreams.
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 follow my actions in the state legislature and create programs that benefit both farmers and residents, like expanding the use of WIC, expanding school lunch programs, and expanding access to affordable healthcare. If people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes can access affordable care, they will have more time and funding to purchase nutritious food. I will work to ensure everyone has access to quality, affordable medical care. Everyone deserves healthcare - no one should be left out. Families and businesses should not face financial ruin because of a chronic medical condition, and we need to do more research and provide resources to reduce economic, ethnic and geographic health disparities.

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