



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.

Marko Liias	Candidate for Washington State Senate, District 21 (Seattle)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	These are multifaceted issues affecting Washingtonians, and must have comprehensive solutions. As a member of the Transportation Committee, I helped to pass one of the largest transportation packages in our state’s history; this will help bring good jobs and reliable transportation to our district and county - important steps to create opportunity across our state. It is critical that we connect residents of the 21st to a variety of transportation options and good paying jobs. As a member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, I will continue to fight for job training and employment opportunities that set young people up for success and financial stability.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	It is unacceptable for any of our state's children to go hungry. I will continue to support legislation that addresses child poverty and hunger, like when I co-sponsored SB 6003 to support Breakfast After the Bell programs this past session. We must set our kids up for success and take action on their behalf.
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?	As a Senator, I will continue to champion policies that put people first and make sure they have their basic needs met. I will continue to work with our schools and community organizations that provide direct services to those most vulnerable members of our society.

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