



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.

Mike Bell	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 7, Position 2 (Nine Mile Falls)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	All residents of this country and worldwide for that matter should not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. We have the resources to ensure that all people has three healthy meals per day without exception or conditions.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	For those children in school, we need to promote and enhance the free meals programs that already exist to ensure that these children are not without healthy meals daily. For those that are not in school and for school aged children on weekends, we need to enhance the food stamp and other programs that will guarantee that those children will not want for three healthy meals per day.
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?	Healthy meals is critical to a child's development and an adult's ability to be a productive member of society. We need to evaluate the existing programs for opportunities to improve and create new and expanded programs to fill in the gaps that exist from the current programs. We need to make a long-term and committed effort.

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