



# Candidate Questionnaire

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**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](http://foodlifeline.org/advocacy).

<b>Scott McMullen</b>	<b>Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 10, Position 1 (Mount Vernon)</b>
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	I support ensuring that good, living wage jobs are available to all families, and I support fully funding our transportation infrastructure as a means to that. If people have access to good paying jobs, they will have more secure access to food and will no longer be impoverished.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I fully intend to increase education funding, some of which could easily go towards school meals. Beyond that, this is an issue that I unfortunately haven’t had the opportunity to thoroughly educate myself on, so my first step would be to consult with experts on this topic, whose recommendations I would follow.
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?	For diseases like diabetes which have a major impact on diet, it would make sense if the medical assistance they received also covered the foods they need to eat. However, this is another area which I find myself not thoroughly well-versed in, and as your legislator I would want to consult with experts and write legislation based on their recommendations.

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