



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.

Strom Peterson	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 21, Position 1 (Edmonds)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	As a proud small business owner (a restaurant, specifically), these are issues close to my heart. I will continue to support legislation that invests in workforce development, worker retraining programs through local colleges and universities, and new apprenticeship programs so we can provide the skilled workforce that employers need. I will always be an ally of working families and continue fighting for policies that create opportunities for all Washingtonians to thrive.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	Hungry or homeless children aren’t arriving to the classroom ready to learn and that’s why I proudly supported the Breakfast After The Bell Act and passed a bill ensuring all kids can access a good lunch without fear of public shaming. I will continue to fight for policies that put our kids first and make sure that no child goes 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?	As Vice Chair of the Capital Budget Committee, I will continue to champion policies that ensure all Washingtonians have their basic needs met. Working with community organizations to provide direct services, such as food banks and quality commercial kitchens in our schools we can help provide healthy food directly to those in need.

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