



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.

Ted Cummings	Candidate for Washington State House of Representatives, District 4, Position 1 (Chattaroy)
If elected, what will you do to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and create opportunity in Washington state?	I want to foster and grow living wage jobs in Washington by investing in education but particularly in Trade Schools and Apprenticeship programs. I want to promote and continue support for unions and guilds, leveling the field for working men and women to bargain for their fair share in creating wealth in our state. I want to fund nutritional programs ensuring that all residents of Washington have access to adequate high-quality meals to the greatest extent possible.
In Washington, 1 in 5 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	I will answer again with supporting Living wage jobs, investing in infrastructure will require thousands of skilled workers, those jobs will improve the standard of living for working men and women and their children.
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 support educational programs that teach citizens about the importance of nutrition, additionally I will support incentives for businesses to operate grocery stores and produce and food markets in low income areas.

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