



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.

Andy Billig	Candidate for State Senator, District 3 (Spokane)
In Washington, 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity. What steps or legislative actions would you take to address child poverty and hunger?	We definitely need to increase participation in the school lunch program which can be done by providing incentives to districts that have creative solutions to expand access. We also should increase our programs to support local, fresh produce in our schools. That is helpful to the broader community and fresh, local food tastes better, which may increase participation.
If elected, in what areas would you support making investments to overcome racial inequities?	In the Senate we are working to implement a racial equity tool for all of our policy and budget work. Structural racism is found throughout all policies from food to transportation to education to banking, etc. We need to focus on racial equity and the dismantling of structural racism in everything we do.
How will you address the role of government and taxes during your campaign and address this issue in the legislature should you be elected? Specifically, are you supportive of tax code reform? Taxing capital gains in Washington state? And funding the state's Working Families Tax Credit?	Tax fairness has been a major focus of my legislative career. We have made some small progress but still have a lot of work to do. I support the passage of legislation that will make our tax code more fair and I will continue to support implementation and funding of the Working Families Tax Credit.
Please describe policies and investments you would support to improve farm worker rights and living conditions, if you are elected?	I have been particularly engaged on pesticide regulation which is crucial for farm worker health and safety. I will continue with this work and look forward to supporting other farm worker protection legislation.
If elected, what will you do to alleviate hunger and poverty, and create economic opportunity for Washington state residents?	I will continue to support anti-hunger policy bills and budget items. In addition, I will work to pass legislation that promotes broad economic opportunity, including tax reform, expanded child care subsidies, and a comprehensive COVID economic recovery plan that builds back our economy in way that works for everyone.
Yes/No Section	

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If elected, will you insist proposed laws, bills, policies, and practices be evaluated for racial justice and equity?	Yes
Will you commit to implementing the state Food Policy Forum's recommendations to mitigate the agricultural symptoms of climate change and to help farmers adapt?	Yes
Will you commit to supporting efforts to reduce wasted food if you are elected?	Yes
Do you believe that every human being deserves physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their food preferences and dietary needs for an active and healthy life?	Yes

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