

MAKE HUNGER HISTORY.

The Make Hunger History Coalition represents over 200 organizations and over 750 individual members. Together, we imagine a Massachusetts where no family goes hungry, where every child has access to nourishing food, and where hunger is a thing of the past. This vision is within our reach, and Massachusetts is poised to lead the nation in ending food insecurity once and for all.

We believe our State Legislature plays a key role. As such, we solicited all who were not unopposed to answer the following questions.

Name:	Will Brownsberger
Party:	Democratic
District:	Suffolk & Middlesex
Position Sought:	State Senator
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What is your connection to or experience with hunger, food security, federal nutrition programs, or the food system, if any?

Candidate Answer: *Action as legislator*

What do you believe is the role of the state government in ensuring everyone in our state has enough to eat and reducing the demand for emergency food resources?

Candidate Answer: *State government administers the federally funded SNAP program and critical add-on programs like the healthy incentive program. Our goal is to make sure that everyone has healthy food to eat.*

What should the Commonwealth do to ensure robust access to effective anti-hunger programs such as SNAP?

Candidate Answer: *The key is adequately funding SNAP administration to avoid federal cutoffs.*

As a member of the Massachusetts legislature, would you advocate for state funds to hire the staff necessary to ensure every eligible low-income resident successfully accesses federally-funded nutrition benefits?

Candidate Answer: *Absolutely, and I have.*

While hunger is a statewide issue that impacts a variety of demographics, certain populations experience it at disproportionately higher rates. For example, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, immigrants, members of LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities experience hunger at disproportionately higher rates.

What do you believe are the primary factors driving these disparities, and what can government do to reduce them?

Candidate Answer: *Disparities in food insecurity are a symptom of larger social inequality. Through education, housing supports, health care supports, low cost transportation, criminal justice reform, and work on every front, we strive to make sure that everyone can survive and thrive in Massachusetts.*

What else would you like to share about your plans to address food insecurity and its root causes?

Candidate Answer: *I am especially proud of our efforts through the recently passed and nation leading PROTECT Act to make sure that immigrants can survive and thrive in Massachusetts. We will continue in those efforts.*