

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.

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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: *The church I'm part of makes food donations*

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: *I believe the current investments are the correct ones. Reduced demand for emergency food I think will come from other avenues. Such as supporting policies that improve access to stable employment, affordable housing, healthcare, childcare, and transportation.*

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

Candidate Answer: *Shortening processing times, improving the service callers receive, while offering multilingual assistance are ways to reduce administrative barriers. While ensuring the state can draw down all available federal SNAP*

dollars and fully implements available federal options that expand access for residents.

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: *Yes I would*

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: *As a member of one these groups, we are typically ostracized by society in some form. Only through less discrimination of minorities and those seen as vulnerable can these disparities be reduced.*

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

Candidate Answer: *Nobody wants to be without food. Its not a choice that people make.*

