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Q1 What is your name? Which office are you running for and which district do you hope to represent?

Steve Thompson House District 2

Q2 What is your vision for Alaska when it comes to reducing sexual assault and domestic violence? What steps are you prepared to take to get there?

I'm hopeful that with the proper training and education, sexual assault and domestic violence will be reduced drastically in our State. It's imperative that the State of Alaska continue to seek federal grants to fund training and outreach programs.

Q3 Are you familiar with local programs that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims across Alaska? Have you recently visited your local domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or victim services program? What is your plan to support these programs?

There are many local programs in the Fairbanks area. I am very familiar with the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living, the Fairbanks Youth Advocates-the Door Emergency Youth Shelter and the Resource Center for Parents and Children- Stevie's Place. I have visited the shelter on several occasions. I frequently donate to these local programs.

Q4 What responsibilities do you believe the Legislature and our elected officials hold in advancing efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault? Would you be willing to maintain or increase the current level of funding for prevention and victims services?

I believe elected officials do have a responsibility to help prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. One way that we can directly impact this is to ensure that these programs have adequate funding. Additionally, when we have constituents who need help, we can direct them to our local services.

Q5 Alaska's 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that 1 in 10 Alaskan students had experienced sexual violence (being forced by anyone to do sexual acts) during the past year. Do you feel that sexual assault, sexual abuse, and dating violence prevention education should take place in our schools and in what way would you suggest enhancing efforts to educate Alaska's youth on these important subjects? Who do you think shares this responsibility?

I do believe that youth should be educated on prevention of sexual assault, abuse and dating violence. I think responsibility falls on the parents as well as on the community, schools and religious groups.
