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

Shawn Butler HD 29

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?

Increase education and awareness of what constitutes sexual assault and domestic violence, with both men and women.

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?

I am familiar with some of the efforts. But I live in Hope, and there are no programs there. I do donate frequently to AWAIC, which I believe supports victims of sexual assault and those that need help.

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?

Yes

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?

Yes, because I don't think all parents model appropriate behavior, and take responsibility to talk to their children about the subject. Of course, it doesn't help that we have national leaders that don't model it either.
