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

Chris Dimond. House District 33

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 believe we need to declare a state of disaster to help address this issue. We need to understand and address the root causes that are leading to these acts of violence, and provide the education, training and rehabilitation for those who commit these crimes

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?

The AWARE shelter in Juneau provides these services. I have not visited this facility. These facilities need to be given the professional support that our state funded services can offer. I will always stand up to help ensure we are giving these types of organizations the support they need to be successful, and hopefully I can help get us to a point where we no longer need these types of organizations.

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 the legislature needs to be providing the funding and services necessary to help protect victims of DV. Our state has an obligation to ensure the safety of all of our citizens, I will absolutely maintain/increase where needed.

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, I fully support educating our kids in school on these matters. I believe all of us as Alaskan's and community members have an obligation to protect and educate our children.
