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

Joe Hackenmueller, HD 14, (Eagle River)

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**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?

Reducing the rates of sexual assault and violence will require a comprehensive program that includes prevention, protection, and prosecution. The first step has to be education at all levels throughout the state.

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**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 programs, but I have not yet visited a shelter or service program. I need to learn more about their specific needs.

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**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?

Elected officials have a moral obligation to ensure that programs for prevention and victim services are financially supported, that our communities are aware of these programs, and that the services are easily accessible by all Alaskans.

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**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?

Absolutely. As a former middle school teacher, I am acutely aware of the need for increasing student awareness on these issues. It can not be a "once and done" approach. Rather it needs to be presented in an age appropriate fashion, and the message needs to be repeated regularly throughout every student's K-12 education. This should be a shared responsibility between schools, parents, and the community at large.

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