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

Elvi Gray-Jackson - Senate District I

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?

Alaska has one of the highest rate of domestic violence and sexual assault per capita in the Country. I would like to see those numbers decline and, if elected to the Senate, I would support legislation and funding appropriations to assist in this effort.

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?

Yes, I am familiar with AWAIC and STAR. I visit AWAIC often to mostly drop off donations. I will always support these programs and will support appropriating funds to assist these agencies in its efforts.

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?

The Legislature, as well as local elected officials, have the responsibility of addressing the needs of women experiencing abuse. They must work diligently to provide long-term follow-up and assistance while focusing on changing the cultural norms and attitudes that promote the acceptance of violence against women. If elected, I am willing to both maintain and increase funding for prevention and victims 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?

Sexual assault, sexual abuse and dating violence prevention education should be a part of the school curriculum. Although funding is always an issue, this form of education is critical especially within our current environment. The only way to enhance efforts to educate Alaska's youth is through additional funding.

The community, as a whole, shares the responsibility.
