

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 60 – FLORENCE, DARLINGTON

EXPANDING/ENHANCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING EFFORTS

Would you support efforts to enhance/expand methods for reporting in South Carolina?

YES

Teresa McGill-Cain, Democratic

NO RESPONSE

Phillip Lowe, Republican

“Because of the dynamics of domestic violence, I believe having a relationship of trust with the advocate and victim is important. Allowing the victim to understand that no matter what situation, he or she can call, and seek help. Victims need to continue to be aware of his or her rights and know that it is ok to reach out for help. In addition, reassuring victims and children that there is help for them and their children will allow victims to trust.” – T. McGill-Cain

SUPPORT FOR GOING BEYOND CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE

Would you support the creation of a statewide plan to effectively address the issues of domestic and sexual violence beyond the criminal justice response?

YES

Teresa McGill-Cain, Democratic

NO RESPONSE

Phillip Lowe, Republican

“Unfortunately, domestic violence should be a criminal justice issue, mainly because a crime has committed, and prevention of the crime should have been avoided. I would propose that the accused perpetrator to be mandated to endure psychological screening, seek medical help, and is required to take education courses pertaining to domestic and sexual violence. I think that often, this type of behavior is subject to upbringing or product of the environment, however this act does not give permission to hurt someone else.” – T. McGill-Cain

INCREASED FOCUS ON PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Do you believe our state needs to increase its focus on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence?

YES

Teresa McGill-Cain, Democratic

NO RESPONSE

Phillip Lowe, Republican

“Education, Awareness and Forums for individuals that are subjected to domestic or sexual violence. I truly think that if students are taught in middle and high school the signs to look for during these cases, maybe many individuals could be saved from depression, lack of respect for themselves, suicide, and feeling of lack of self-worth.” – T. McGill-Cain

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SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Would you support additional state funding be allocated to victim service providers?

YES

Teresa McGill-Cain, Democratic

NO RESPONSE

Phillip Lowe, Republican

Do you believe additional federal funding should be allocated to victim service providers?

YES

Teresa McGill-Cain, Democratic

NO RESPONSE

Phillip Lowe, Republican

“Simply by awareness of how detrimental sexual and domestic violence could lead to a society of violence. I think that often a person who have need traumatized need the help of funding for them from a local and federal level. How can you prevent methods as such with not boundaries or finances to help? The US is built on integrity and helping our fellow man. Many people come to the US for safety and security. The problem lies when we can not help our own.” – T. McGill-Cain