

# STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 124 - BEAUFORT

## EXPANDING/ENHANCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING EFFORTS

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

**YES**

Barb Nash, Democratic

**NO RESPONSE**

Shannon Erickson, Republican

*“Women and children are often afraid to report their abusers. However, there is mandatory reporting for suspected child abuse by teachers, healthcare providers, etc. There is no such requirement for suspected abuse of adult women or men. We need to empower friends, neighbors, and extended family to report suspected abuse through heightened education, anonymous reporting abilities, and no fear of retribution.” – B. Nash*

## 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**

Barb Nash, Democratic

**NO RESPONSE**

Shannon Erickson, Republican

*“We need to take steps to address patterns of behavior and break cycles of abuse. Education, awareness, counseling, anger management, safe houses, mentoring of women, help to become financially independent and self-sufficient. This is not just a women's issue this is an issue that needs men to become involved and speak out about.” – B. Nash*

## 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**

Barb Nash, Democratic

**NO RESPONSE**

Shannon Erickson, Republican

*“Absolutely! I would begin by educating tweens and teens about domestic violence (all violence is unacceptable including bullying) but we know that domestic violence is not just physical. It is also mental and emotional. Tweens and teens need to know how to recognize the signs of abuse, that it is not acceptable, and what to do about it. We also need men who are willing to step up and speak out against domestic and sexual violence. and shine the spotlight on them.” – B. Nash*

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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?

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

**YES**

Barb Nash, Democratic

**NO RESPONSE**

Shannon Erickson, Republican

*"We can look at redistributing police funds to provide for more social workers, counselors, etc. on the force, and increase police training about responding to domestic violence calls. There is so much that can be done differently when law enforcement becomes involved in domestic violence.*

*There is a lot of competition for private and community funds for various good causes. What can we do to make this one stand out? The ads for animal rescue get more attention than domestic and sexual violence. We need to find a champion in this state who would be the face of the issue and generate contributions." – B. Nash*