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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Thank you. Environmental protection, let's go back to how important is that, because it's always been important to the natives in America from the beginning of time. How important is it to maintain the environment, especially at this time in the face of climate change?

[00:00:26] **Speaker 2** Climate change is real. We're seeing the effects. Maple season is in full effect right now, and the sap is running slow, duly because we haven't had a real hard winter hit us for some time. The wildlife and trees all depend on the environment. And as native people, we take it on this role. We give thanks in our prayer through prayer. for everything, starting from Mother Earth all the way to the sky, and we give thanks for everything. And we also are the voice for those beings that don't have that voice. So a lot of us Native Americans, we advocate for all those beings that don't have that voice. And through environmental protection and being able to raise awareness for climate change, we are doing that.

[00:01:20] **Speaker 1** He also mentioned gaming, and there have been positive strides in gaming in terms of employment. Can you talk to me how gaming has impacted in the United Nation and the strides that they're making in helping natives in the community get and sustain employment?

[00:01:36] **Speaker 2** Indian gaming was the best thing that's ever helped native nations in the state of Wisconsin and in the Indian country overall. Without Indian gaming, we wouldn't be able to provide resources to members, we wouldn't be able to send people to school, our members to school, we wouldn't be able to provide services. We wouldn't be here right now without Indian gaming. For us, it's one of the largest employers in our area. We provide free health care for every member that works for us. Not just a member, but anybody. Thank you.

[00:02:13] **Speaker 1** Message maker request, yeah.

[00:02:15] **Speaker 2** It's huge. It plays a huge role.

[00:02:18] **Speaker 1** Now!

[00:02:20] **Speaker 2** So, Oneida has some of the highest educated individuals in Brown County. And without Ding, we wouldn't be able to have been able to be proud of that statistic. Thank you. Take care.

[00:02:32] **Speaker 1** And once we finish up, everyone in the state is going to watch this. It's going to air on Friday. What do you want them to know about Oneida Nation?

[00:02:39] **Speaker 2** United Nation, we are here, we're here to support our brothers and sisters and relatives as they advocate for rights that affect their area, but not only their area, but affect us all as a whole and native of any country.

[00:02:58] **Speaker 1** Thank you so much.

[00:02:59] **Speaker 2** Yes, thank you.