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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** All right. So give me a sense of what we saw today, especially out of Milwaukee County and some of the other areas where we saw some extent of bullying. What were you guys observing?

[00:00:10] **Speaker 2** Yeah, well, by and large, the building process went smoothly. There were some hiccups in places, as you mentioned, at UW Whitewater. There were long lines. Fortunately, you know, steps have been taken to to address that situation. In Milwaukee, what we saw is actually the process working in the way it was supposed to. There was a concern, identified action was taken, and we're going to make sure that that the process works the way it should, or at least the folks in the Milwaukee Election Commission will make sure it works the way it should. You know, we're going to make it's critical that every vote is counted and that the results we get reflect the will of the voters. That has happened consistently in Wisconsin elections. And I'm confident it's going to happen again in this election.

[00:00:50] **Speaker 1** How important was it in Milwaukee that Senator Ron Johnson and Brian Charming were there right away and were supportive of what was going on instead of calling fraud?

[00:00:59] **Speaker 2** Well, it's always good to see people of both parties acknowledging that the system is working the way it should. It's unfortunate that we've had so much election denialism and attacks on the system of elections we have because the reality is we have safe and secure elections. They are free and fair. And it's been tested over and over again. In 2016, we had a statewide recount. In 2020, we had recounts in our two largest counties. We had lots of litigation in 2020. And over and over again that's shown that our system works. So I'm glad to see it's working again this year. And I hope we start to see people acknowledging that rather than raising baseless concerns about our elections.

[00:01:37] **Speaker 1** What is the DOJ going to be looking for over the next few days as some of these results, especially these close ones in in state Senator, assembly races are being finalized?

[00:01:46] **Speaker 2** Well, first and foremost, again, we want to make sure that every ballot is counted and that the results reflect the will of the voters. Now, there may be challenges to the results. We'll see how that shakes out. But we're going to follow things as they unfold. And if there are cases, we will defend the state. And, you know, I'm confident that our election officials are doing the right thing. But we're, of course, going to work to make sure that that all the laws are followed and that the processes unfold appropriately.

[00:02:13] **Speaker 1** What can you tell me about the bomb threats that came in across Wisconsin?

[00:02:17] **Speaker 2** Well, there were in cities across the country some threats that were made. Fortunately, law enforcement was able to determine that it was a hoax. Nobody in Wisconsin was was in danger here. Of course, we never want to see any kinds of concerns like that about people's safety. And there should be appropriate follow up. But but Wisconsinites can can rest assured that the process was safe and secure and that those were that was a hoax.

[00:02:43] **Speaker 1** Did any people leave the polling places a chance that people just did not come back out of concern or simply because they didn't want to wait?

[00:02:50] **Speaker 2** I don't have further details at this point on any impact that it had, though I can say that we haven't been I haven't been made aware of any impact that that had on people's ability to cast a ballot. I am confident that that the voting process overall in the state was secure and again, that the results we get will be one that reflects the will of the voters.

[00:03:08] **Speaker 1** Is very much appreciated, to be.

[00:03:09] **Speaker 2** Honest. We're doing these interviews.

[00:03:11] **Speaker 1** I've been.

[00:03:11] **Speaker 2** Doing all night.

[00:03:12] **Speaker 1** Yeah.