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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Oh, what they see on a daily basis is really incredible for most people to even fathom what they have to go through. We as leaders have to take care of our law enforcement. It's a different topic that law enforcement professionals never had to deal with just a decade or two ago. That is something that is is very important to us. If we can't have a happy and healthy and competent law enforcement that are able and willing every single day to go out and do what they need to do to protect our citizens, then what do we have? What if I could if I could add a comment about leadership? I've heard it a couple of times now, Rebecca, and you have said it. And Mr. Vice President, you had said something about the future of law enforcement. When we don't have our current law enforcement maybe encouraging our sons and daughters to get into the field. Now more than ever, we need leadership. We definitely need leadership at the federal level. There's no question we need good leadership at the state level, but we need leadership in law enforcement. Good leadership in law enforcement. These good sheriffs and chiefs, they hold their staff accountable. They know what good law enforcement means. The majority of the men and women that put on that badge every single day are good, honorable people. They care about their communities, they care about their family. And they truly will put themselves first going into their line of fire. They will do that. I know we've seen some bad law enforcement. We've seen bad many things in many different careers and entities. We get that. But I myself have two sons in law enforcement.

[00:01:51] **Unidentified** And I was proud.

[00:01:59] **Speaker 1** And I was proud when they took after my footsteps and entered that career. But what you said, Mr. Vice President, resonates because today I'm not too sure that I could convince them to walk into that career. And that's a problem, because what are we going to be when we don't have the good men and women and women in law enforcement who is going to protect our local communities? So we need that leadership. We need that support. And let me tell you, sitting in the sheriffs chair, when we have that support from our lieutenant governor, attorney general, governor, president, vice president, senators, congressmen, that makes a difference. And when we don't like we've seen recently, that also makes a difference. So I appreciate you bringing up that topic because it is really true. Thank you.

[00:02:52] **Speaker 2** God bless you all across.

[00:02:59] **Speaker 1** You're both known as my best. Will you please? I will thank them. It's coming from the father of a marine.

[00:03:06] **Speaker 3** And father in law of a naval aviator.

[00:03:08] **Speaker 1** So he knows it.

[00:03:10] **Speaker 2** That's right. I wonder if we can hear from our association friends a little bit, particularly on the idea of the relationship between law enforcement and the community. We've talked a lot over the last several years about school resource officers and how there are specific school districts, even inside Wisconsin, who have tossed their school resource officers out and how the relationships that are built inside schools between law enforcement and children are broken when things like that happen and people are less safe. If you could talk about that. Right. And then also how we do good community oriented policing. What are the missing pieces?

[00:03:55] **Speaker 4** So those brought up earlier that what we're hearing around the state, around the country. Law enforcement are afraid to do their jobs. They know how to do their jobs. They know how to stop crime. And it's, like you said, good community policing. It's been done in other areas across the country. It's been done in Wisconsin. We can do it again. But officers need that support. When you take officers out of school, when you take officers out of the community, you're breaking down that relationship between officers and the community so that young people particularly think that law enforcement only shows up when something bad happens. And that's just not that's just not accurate. And it's not the way it should be. I grew up with school resource officers that inspired me to get into law enforcement. It was a positive image for me, and I wanted to I wanted to pursue that because of that. We're losing that and we're losing that permanent contact. How many officers in Milwaukee do you think have the opportunity to stop and play football with somebody playing in the park or basketball or somebody playing in the park? Or are they just going from call to call the call? You know, they're going to call the call. And we hear that. And it's not just Milwaukee. It's everywhere. Every one of these people said that their departments are hiring. That type of community policing, along with aggressive enforcement, is what's going to make our community safe. And that comes from the backing of law enforcement leaders and the backing of leaders in our state. And I think that's what every law enforcement officer in this state wants to do. They didn't they didn't sign on to this job to say, I'm just going to go from call to call, do my paperwork and go. They wanted to make a positive difference and we need to let them.

[00:05:31] **Speaker 1** That's right.

[00:05:39] **Speaker 2** Any final comments? I know that so many of you have taken time out of incredibly busy days to be here and share your thoughts and your hopes and concerns with all of us. Any parting words?

[00:05:55] **Speaker 4** I just. I like to say thank you.

[00:05:56] **Speaker 3** For what? I mean, when we endorse a candidate or an association, we look at leadership qualities that that would benefit, you know, police officers. And we had two officers shot earlier this year in Milwaukee in January. And you reached out and you asked how they were doing and concerned. And you spoke with each of those officers. And that type of leadership goes a long way with all of our officers being short and 400 and you're plan to bring a thousand were on every day. All we're hearing from our officers is we just want to help our communities in the best way we can do it is to get more officers in. They see these tragic events that are occurring each day that they know that they can prevent that have been proven to be prevented. And they can't do it because they don't have the resources to do that. So I want to say thank you. Thank you for your leadership. We're proud to endorse. Thank you.

[00:06:53] **Speaker 2** Thank you all so much for being here. I thank you, Mr. Vice President, you, Governor, for being here and all of our friends in the audience for attending today. This is a conversation that has to be ongoing because I am committed as your governor to making Wisconsin safe again. Thanks for joining me.

[00:07:31] **Speaker 1** Okay. We're going to pull over a quick gaggle right around here. So you all get gaggle. We're running.