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Sheriff Schmidt Joins Lawmakers Statewide in Support of Marsy's Law

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff Richard Schmidt is pleased to add his name to a long list of law enforcement and bi-partisan legislator support for passage of Marsy's Law for Wisconsin.

While Wisconsin has a constitutional amendment on victims' rights in place, Marsy's Law strengthens those rights, making them equal alongside the rights of the accused.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "Every reassurance we can provide to victims of violent crimes can help in their healing process. We serve to protect victims of crime, and Marsy's Law will provide additional support and allow them a stronger voice throughout the legal process."

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin secured the endorsement of every major statewide law enforcement organization. Victims' rights groups and domestic abuse centers throughout the state, including Sojourner Family Peace Center and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee County, have also offered their support of the measure.

About Marsy's Law for Wisconsin:

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin, introduced as Assembly Joint Resolution 47/Senate Joint Resolution 53, has broad support from lawmakers of both parties. The legislation passed through the State Senate and Assembly in 2017, and will now move forward to second consideration in the next legislative session. Visit <https://www.equalrightsforwi.com/> for more details on Marsy's Law for Wisconsin.

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