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STATEMENTS ON SENATOR CHRIS LARSON'S DISGUSTING PROTRAYAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

In debate on the Senate floor yesterday, during National Police Week, State Senator Chris Larson accused police officers of **“shooting for sport,”** and being **“quick to pull the trigger.”** Senator Larson went on to say that if the bill were to become law, it would allow police officers to **“kill with disregard and glee.”**

In response, Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine), a former police officer and Police & Fire Commissioner and Senator Jesse James (R-Altoona), a former police chief, and current part-time officer released the following statements:

Senator Van Wanggaard

While a murdered police officer from his city was being remembered and honored by his family in Washington DC for the ultimate sacrifice, Chris Larson launched into vile anti-police claims misrepresenting facts and perpetuating lies about policing. It's despicable.

In my 50 years of law enforcement and oversight experience, I have worked with, talked with and met with hundreds or thousands of dedicated men and women. Not a single one acts in the way Senator Larson claims. His dangerous anti-police rhetoric cannot be allowed to stand. He owes an apology to the thousands of law enforcement officers who keep him and us safe. Senate Democrats and Governor Evers should be made to answer if they agree with Larson that police officers “kill with disregard and glee.”

Senator Jesse James

“Senator Larson insulted me and my fellow law enforcement officers that put our lives on the line every day, as well as our families. His comments show that he has no understanding about what it is like to be in a position where you might have to take a life in self-defense. I am amazed by the senator's continual, incorrect jabs at those of us that carry the badge.”

The debate took place on a bill that would protect police officers who credibly acted in self-defense from multiple “John Doe” investigations for the same incident. You can hear Senator Larson's full remarks on [Wisconsin Eye](#) (1:57:32). Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) also [sent a letter](#) to Minority Leader Diane Hesselbein, asking her and her colleagues to condemn Larson's statements.