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**Statement of Alderman Bob Donovan**  
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Throughout April and early May, a petition was circulated throughout the Milwaukee Business Community by Omer Hamden a north side business owner. The petition, signed by more than 500 business owners, essentially called for a meeting with Mayor Barrett expressing concerns regarding Milwaukee's level of public safety and asking for a plan to be developed in response to their concerns.

I'd like to personally acknowledge and thank Mr. Hamden for his courage, his commitment and his dedication to Milwaukee in moving his petition forward.

As a result of the petition a meeting was held with Chief Flynn, Patrick Curley (Mayor's Chief of Staff), Omer Hamden, myself and others. That meeting culminated in the request from Patrick Curley for a formal proposal and cost estimates for an enhanced summer safety initiative providing a greater police presence throughout Milwaukee. (Proposal enclosed)

I can't tell you how pleased I am with the process thus far. I want to publicly thank Mayor Barrett, Patrick Curley and Chief Flynn and all others involved for their willingness to meet with us and their tireless efforts to move this proposal forward.

Correspondence with Patrick Curley indicated an ongoing commitment to find the funds necessary to make this proposal a reality.

I also want to use this opportunity to announce the formation of Partners in Public Safety, (Mission Statement enclosed). We fully intend on keeping our part of the bargain. We will raise \$200,000 from the private sector to provide for a greater police presence throughout Milwaukee and expand Operation Impact citywide.

We fully intend on turning those 500 signatures into 1,000 or 2,000 more. This group of businesses and individuals will work over the coming years to advance one simple cause that being the making of Milwaukee as America's safest big city.

We call upon all Milwaukeeans to contact the Mayor's Office to thank them for their efforts thus far and to urge them to continue working to make this proposal a reality.

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