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## **Weekly Radio Address: Caring for the families of our heroes**

**MADISON** - Rep. John Spiros (R-Marshfield) talks about a bill that would ensure the family of a first responder who loses their life in the line of duty won't lose health insurance coverage.

*This is an important week in the State Assembly, as we recognize first responders from across the state for their service they give to their communities.*

*Hello, I'm State Representative John Spiros of the 86<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. I'm a former law enforcement officer, and currently serve as the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.*

*The Assembly is taking up an incredibly important piece of legislation that will provide a much-needed benefit to law enforcement officers and first responders across the state. It's a bill that is very near and dear to my heart.*

*In Wisconsin, an average of two law enforcement officers per year die in the line of duty. Under current state law, the spouses and children of those officers lose their health insurance coverage almost immediately.*

*This is a grave oversight, and one that I have worked hard with my colleague Senator Wanggaard to remedy.*

*Every single day, these law enforcement officers and first responders put their lives on the line to protect and serve the people of Wisconsin.*

*In addition to the risks they face on the job, they are also left with the worry of what will happen to their families if they are killed in the line of duty, and whether they will financially be secure.*

*By passing this bill, we are giving our brave men and women in uniform the peace of mind that should something happen to them, their families will be taken care of.*

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