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52 SHERIFFS NOW ENDORSE GABLEMAN

Law enforcement's choice has unprecedented support; sheriffs' support 10 times larger than opponent

[Burnett County, Wisc....] The Gableman for Supreme Court campaign today released new law enforcement endorsements including the 52nd sheriff to sign onto Judge Michael Gableman's race for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Jefferson County Sheriff Paul Milbrath became the 52nd sheriff to endorse Judge Gableman, joining a bi-partisan list of sheriffs that is more than 10 times larger than his opponent. Justice Butler, according to his website, is endorsed by just five sheriffs. Butler was appointed by Governor Jim Doyle, and was a criminal defense lawyer before becoming a judge. He previously ran for the Supreme Court, losing 65%-35% to then-Justice Diane Sykes.

"I'm honored to have such deep and wide-spread support among law enforcement officials all across Wisconsin," Judge Gableman said. "It's critical to our public safety and security that cases are heard in a fair and impartial manner. That's what I will provide as the next Supreme Court Justice."

Sheriff Milbrath was joined by five police chiefs in endorsing the Burnett County Circuit Court Judge for the state's highest court.

- Police Chief Scott McElroy, Evansville
- Police Chief Dave Wickstrum, Ordville
- Police Chief Mark Flessert, Lannon
- Police Chief Ted Bever, Medford
- Police Chief Robert Dams, Greendale

Judge Gableman is the only candidate for the Supreme Court with a law enforcement background and prosecutorial experience. In addition to the support of the 52 sheriffs, Judge Gableman also has the endorsement of a bi-partisan majority of district attorneys, and a growing list of assistant district attorneys and police chiefs. He is also endorsed by the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association.

A quick comparison between the two candidates based on endorsements listed on their Web sites and announcements:

	Gableman	Butler
Sheriffs	52	5
District Attorneys	37	20
Police Chiefs	22	0
Assistant District Attorneys	19	0
TOTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	130	25

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