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Sheriff, below is a draft of the op ed section discussing law enforcement. I tried to synthesize information from you, Sheriff McBride and Chief Keel. The list is not exhaustive, but we are constrained by space. Y'all have consensus on several ideas, and I've included those. Please let me know if I've included anything contrary to your thoughts. Thanks again for your help, and we want to continue this discussion into the fall.

Danny

We also must fully support law enforcement as they manage this crisis on the back end. The criminal activity that often accompanies opioid abuse presents a terrible threat to the men and women who serve and protect.

Law enforcement at all levels need more narcotics investigators and better training for all officers. They want to see local, state, and federal agents sharing intelligence and resources to respond in real time to opioid events allowing them to more quickly dismantle drug organizations. They also stress the importance of education, especially in schools, that can stop illegal activity before it starts.

I fully endorse, and I will lobby the General Assembly for, the statutory and financial support they need.