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Rotary Club, Sioux Falls SD

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7 SL: Scott Lawrence

8 GN: Governor Noem

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10 Transcription starts at approximately 50:40

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12 SL: I know ah, you've had some criticisms thru the media
13 outlets

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15 GN: Just a little.

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17 SL: Ah, yea,

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19 GN: (Laugh)

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21 SL: But if, if, what are they getting wrong, and, about you
22 and your administration that you would like to talk about
23 today?

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25 GN: Well you know I, I guess quite a few things it's a,

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27 SL: K.

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29 GN: this is very much been um an attack on me, the
30 administration the state of South Dakota and my family. For
31 instance, on my daughter Kassidy with her appraiser license
32 ah, there's been a continued narrative that I've done
33 something to help her get licensed which is absolutely false.
34 And they kept it up and kept the narrative going until they
35 completely destroyed her business. So she has ah, in fact
36 they were going after her personal documents that the state
37 has on licensing of hers that they wanted released saying
38 that because we wouldn't release them we were covering
39 something up. That's not true. Just that if I would have
40 released Kassidy's personal information then I would have had
41 to release every appraiser's licensing information or every
42 real estate broker, or every um, law examine that a lawyer
43 would take, whatever your personal evaluations or examines
44 that anybody in the state of south Dakota had to go through
45 to get their license then that would be an open book to
46 everybody else and the precedence it would have set would
47 have exposed tens of thousands of South Dakotans to their

1 personal information being shared with the world and that
2 wasn't something that I was willing to do so they tried to
3 spin that into that I was favoring her. That's why she turned
4 in her license and released it all herself and 100% proved
5 that she never received any special treatment and did you
6 ever see that covered in the press, not at all. So those
7 documents 100% prove that she went through the same process
8 that other people did, had no special treatment but yet they
9 completely destroyed her business and ended her career. It's
10 the same thing with budgets and spending and other criticisms
11 ah, you know that it just keeps going one after the other. I,
12 it's hard for me to remember all of them but one thing I
13 would say to you is that, that the Democrat National Party
14 has flooded the State of south Dakota with Freedom of
15 Information Act requests. So they are, right now, covering us
16 up in FOIA requests that we respond to just looking for
17 something that they can turn to attack and to come after me
18 and I think it's, um I'll be candid with you, I believe the
19 reason it's happening, is that they want to take me out but
20 they also in South Dakota we prove that our way of life
21 works. I mean, we, we govern pretty conservatively here
22 fiscally, we don't have high taxes, we don't have high
23 regulations. We let people make personal discission, have
24 personal responsibility and trusted them and I, it worked.
25 We, we, we, as far as, you know we, taking care of people but
26 also making sure that our economy's doing well, we have the
27 best health care systems I think in the world here. And
28 during the pandemic our mental health challenges went down,
29 our suicides went down, we were one of the only state's that
30 our drug overdoses went down and so it is a specific focus on
31 me and my administration but we are prepared for it and we'll
32 keep telling the truth, I would just hope that our press
33 would do that once in a while as well.

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35 SL: Ah what about.

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39 SL: Anything on the State airplane thing, they were digging
40 into the State airplane.

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42 GN: Yea they were.

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46 GN: Yea. Absolutely.

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1 SL: Well I think it's going to Appropriations, somebodies
2 looking at it, or Governor Audit or.

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4 GN: They are, the one thing that people, yeah, the one thing
5 you all should know is that I've used the State airplane
6 exactly like every other governor has. Never for any trip
7 other than every other governor has. Always legal, never for
8 personal business, never for political business but that's
9 the narrative that people hear all the time about the State
10 airplane. So, nothing that we have ever used the State
11 airplane for has been any different than what it was done in
12 the past and all has been completely legal and applied to
13 which is the way I do everything.

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