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Deanna Branch and Rashawn Spivey  
Lead Pipe Removal Advocates  
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Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

Deanna Branch: My name is Deanna Branch, and I'm an advocate and mom from Milwaukee. When my son Aidan was two, he was hospitalized due to high levels of lead in his blood. Lead was everywhere—in our pipes, in our paint, and in our soil.

President Biden and Vice President Harris passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. It's removing lead pipes from communities like ours. As president, Kamala Harris will make sure everyone can drink clean water and be, in Aidan's words, "lead-free superheroes!"

Rashawn Spivey: My name is Rashawn Spivey. I'm the owner of Hero Plumbing in Milwaukee. When President Biden and Vice President Harris announced their goal to replace every lead pipe in America, Hero stepped up to help make that vision a reality.

We went to work replacing lead pipes that served homes and child care centers in our community. Since then, we've replaced more than 1,000 pipes. This was made possible thanks to Vice President Kamala Harris. And when she visited Milwaukee two years ago, I got to show her our work up close. Because of her leadership, I've grown my business and helped kids like Aidan have healthier, safer lives.

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