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**Rep. Sinicki Questions Intent behind Gannon Appointment**  
*He will chair Urban Revitalization Committee*

**Madison, WI** – Representative Chris Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) offered these comments about Assembly Speaker Robin Vos's appointment of Rep. Bob Gannon (R-West Bend) as chair of the new Urban Revitalization Committee:

"Yesterday, Speaker Vos announced a new Assembly standing committee on Urban Revitalization. At first, that sounded like good news. Then he announced which member of his caucus would chair the committee.

"If appointing Rep. Gannon is Speaker Vos' idea of a joke, then he has an odd sense of humor. This appointment is the opposite of funny; it actually adds insult to injury. Last January, the Speaker himself used the term "[stupid](#)" to describe Rep. Gannon's [rude and racist remarks about Milwaukee](#). And he said so even after Rep. Gannon took a stab at apologizing on the floor (which he then contradicted with more derogatory remarks about Milwaukee).

"This appointment is a new slap at the City of Milwaukee. And the blow is not softened by the appointment of a vice-chair who is an urban Democrat (Rep. Jason Fields, D-Milwaukee). That looks like an attempt to placate critics of Rep. Gannon.

"How can we believe this new committee is a sincere effort to look at urban revitalization in any Wisconsin city? The chair has no background in urban affairs and has publically demonstrated his profound ignorance of and disdain for our state's largest urban area.

"Those of us who represent Milwaukee thought we were done with Rep. Gannon's bad attitude a year ago. The Speaker urged us then to accept Rep. Gannon's backhanded apology and to 'move on'. I am baffled 12 months later why Speaker Vos himself has reopened this particular box of mischief, out of which I expect little good to come for urban residents in our state."

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