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Black and Latino Caucus Addresses Ignorant Statement by Rep. Gannon

MADISON- The members of the Black and Latino Caucus released the following statement in response to Representative Gannon's (R-West Bend) [January 6th statement](#) condemning the black community in Milwaukee:

“Representative Gannon’s recent ignorant statement does a disservice to public policy making and discourse in our State Capitol. Outside of the toxic nature of his remarks, he clearly misunderstands the unique role that Milwaukee plays in our state’s economy and its future. Milwaukee is the pride and economic engine of Wisconsin. With a rich, vibrant history of innovation, technology, and research, Milwaukee is the leading economic resource for the state.

“As Milwaukee legislators, we are proud of the tradition and continued success of our community, which boasts the world’s leading experts on water technology, cutting edge businesses, and continued economic growth. Our strength lies in our diverse culture, which enriches the neighborhoods and businesses where we live and work.

“It is unfortunate that Republicans have continued down the path of failed economic policies and are not taking ownership over their own mistakes. In 2015, over 10,000 hardworking Wisconsin residents received layoff notices. Businesses across the state are closing their doors, many of whom have been in business for generations. Republican policies have not addressed the increased economic uncertainty and stagnant wages faced by many Wisconsin families.”

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