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Questions Unanswered as the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission Denies Promotion for Distinguished Officer

Madison – Representative Bob Donovan (R-Greenfield) gave the following statement after sending a letter to the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission after they denied the promotion of a decorated Milwaukee Police officer. The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) is struggling to adequately staff the department and needs every available and capable officer. The officer in question was recommended for promotion to Sergeant from MPD Chief Jeffrey Norman and the MPD Internal Affairs Division.

“I am frankly appalled by this decision,” said Rep. Donovan. “What more does a hardworking cop have to do to be recognized for his actions? Shouldn’t we be rewarding those who are true public servants and excel in protecting our communities? What message does this send to the average cop who sees this as an example of punishing good policing? This leaves more questions than answers and leads me to assume the worst—police are being punished for being proactive,” concluded Rep. Donovan.

The letter sent to the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission asked commissioners to reconsider this decision and was co-signed by 14 other members of the Wisconsin Legislature.

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The 61st Assembly District includes the Cities of Greenfield, Milwaukee, and Franklin; and the Villages of Hales Corners and Greendale.