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In a Slimy move, Speaker Vos tries to Slide out of Subpoena

MADISON – Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), who intervened in a federal lawsuit in order to defend his egregious gerrymandering scheme to retain power, is now alleging he is above the law and doesn't have to comply like other parties in civil lawsuits to being deposed or producing any documents. In an unprecedented power grab during a lame duck session last December, Rep. Vos allocated unlimited taxpayer money to himself as Republican leader in the Assembly to intervene in any lawsuit he so chose, including to defend his rigged electoral maps. In response, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

"Speaker Vos once again thinks he is above the law. Though he specifically intervened in a federal lawsuit to defend the rigged maps he concocted in secret to hold on to power, he is refusing to be deposed or produce any documents about his scheme, which are basic requirements for parties in a lawsuit," said Rep. Chris Taylor. "If Rep. Vos is so confident that his gerrymandered maps pass muster, he should be willing to defend them, answer questions under oath and produce documents. Instead, he is trying to hide his abuse of power. The public has a right to know about his actions in rigging our electoral maps for his benefit. If he doesn't want to abide by the rules, he should get out of this lawsuit and stop trying to defend the indefensible."