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State Senator Dan Hall receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Sen. Dan Hall was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls for his positive impact on annexation and land use policies in Greater Minnesota.

Sen. Hall, a Republican from Burnsville, is serving his third term in the Minnesota Senate. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC’s policy during the preceding session.

As chair of the Local Government Committee, Sen. Hall was instrumental in stopping harmful legislation that would have upended cities’ abilities to pursue orderly annexation agreements and severely hampered growth. He took a thoughtful, policy-driven approach to dealing with city leaders’ concerns and listened closely to all sides of the issue before ultimately deciding to put an end to the detrimental legislation.

“As a Greater Minnesota organization, we don’t often give awards to suburban legislators, but Sen. Hall’s commitment to smart land use policies make him a worthy recipient of our Legislator of Distinction Award,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “We appreciate his efforts to truly understand cities’ unique needs in regards to annexation policy.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 90 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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