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## **Sen. John Jasinski receives ‘First-Term Legislator of the Year’ Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL— Sen. John Jasinski received the First-Term Legislator of the Year Award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls. The award recognizes a first-term rural legislator who has gone above and beyond in his or her advocacy on behalf of Greater Minnesota.

Sen. Jasinski, a Republican from Faribault, quickly established himself as an important player in the Legislature. He hit the ground running at the start of the 2017 legislative session by serving as chief author of several bills that addressed CGMC priorities. His legislation included additional funding for Corridors of Commerce, a critical program that aims to improve the state’s highway system, and the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) program, which helps cities pay for public infrastructure needed to accommodate new and expanding businesses. In addition, he was a supporter of many key programs that promote job growth and economic development in rural communities.

“As the former mayor of Faribault, Sen. Jasinski came to St. Paul with a keen understanding of the issues that impact Greater Minnesota cities,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “He is an eager and enthusiastic legislator who is quickly making his mark at the Legislature.”

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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