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State Senator Scott Newman receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Sen. Scott Newman 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 the state’s environmental policy.

Sen. Newman, a Republican from Hutchinson, 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.

During the 2017 legislative session, Sen. Newman was the chief author of CGMC-backed legislation that would have allowed local governments to request independent scientific peer review when they have legitimate concerns about proposed water quality regulations. The legislation was designed to give cities a stronger voice when they have concerns about the underlying science behind costly new regulations. He shepherded the bill through numerous grueling hearings and worked to make it better at every step of the legislative process.

“Sen. Newman took an active role in developing legislation that helps to ensure that new regulations — many of which will cost millions of dollars for cities to implement — are based on sound science and will actually provide measurable benefits to water quality,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC.

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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