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State Rep. Dean Urdahl receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Dean Urdahl 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 economic development in Greater Minnesota.

Rep. Urdahl, a Republican from Grove City, is serving his eighth 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 House Capital Investment Committee, Rep. Urdahl led efforts to develop a fair and balanced bonding bill that will foster economic development across the state. He was also the chief author of legislation to invest significant funding into clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs, which are critical to helping cities pay for much-needed upgrades to their wastewater facilities. In addition to funding for these critical programs, the final bonding bill included \$12 million for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program, which helps cities pay for public infrastructure needed to encourage private business growth.

“Throughout his years in office, Rep. Urdahl has long been an advocate for boosting economic development in Greater Minnesota,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “He understands the importance of investing in infrastructure to help our communities entice new businesses and retain existing ones.”

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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