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## **State Sen. Bill Weber receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award**

ST. PAUL—State Sen. Bill Weber 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 tax policy.

Sen. Weber, a Republican from Luverne, is currently serving his second 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.

In the 2017 legislative session, Sen. Weber served as the chief author of CGMC-supported legislation to increase Local Government Aid (LGA) funding to bring the program back up to its 2002 benchmark. His strong leadership and persistent advocacy helped to ultimately secure a \$15 million LGA boost in the final tax bill, which will help cities across the state pay for essential services and important amenities.

“As a former mayor, Sen. Weber is keenly aware of the key role LGA plays in keeping rural communities strong,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “By serving as chief author of our LGA legislation, he demonstrated a strong commitment to improving Greater Minnesota cities.”

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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