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CGMC Priorities – 2019 Legislative Session

With a newly elected governor and a new Legislature tasked with crafting the next state budget, it's time to ramp up efforts to advance Greater Minnesota priorities. The priorities noted below are the items the Legislature absolutely needs to address this session to secure a bright future for Greater Minnesota communities.

- **Support an LGA Increase and Ongoing Inflation Adjustment**
 - ✓ \$30.5 million increase in appropriation
 - ✓ Ongoing adjustment for inflation and population growth
- **Invest in Minnesota's Infrastructure**
 - ✓ \$128 million for clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs
 - ✓ \$20 million for the Greater MN Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program to support job growth in Greater Minnesota
- **Prioritize Clean Water Investments That Yield Results**
 - ✓ Promote innovative/alternative solutions—that go beyond expensive plant upgrades—to solve water quality problems
 - ✓ Facilitate statewide variance procedure for sulfates, chloride and other salty parameters
- **Fund Transportation**
 - ✓ Support a comprehensive funding package that includes new revenues
 - ✓ \$200 million for Corridors of Commerce funded with a new revenue source
 - ✓ \$50 million for city streets of all sizes (\$25 million for cities with fewer than 5,000 residents and \$25 million for cities with more than 5,000 residents)
- **Address Greater Minnesota's Child Care Shortage**
 - ✓ \$10 million for child care facility capital assistance program
 - ✓ Assistance for employers that provide child care or child care benefits to their employees
 - ✓ Encourage efforts to create supportive and collaborative regulatory and enforcement regime versus one that is punitive and discourages providers