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## **State Rep. Diane Loeffler receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award**

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Diane Loeffler was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for her positive impact on the state’s tax policy.

Rep. Loeffler, a Democrat from Minneapolis, is serving her eighth term in the Minnesota House. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC’s policy during the preceding legislative session.

This session, Rep. Loeffler played a key role in helping to secure a \$30 million increase in Local Government Aid (LGA) as part of the 2019 tax bill. As chair of the House Property and Local Tax Division, she was instrumental in pushing the LGA increase forward in the House. She held hearings on legislation aimed at strengthening the LGA program and ultimately included important LGA provisions in the recommendations that came out of her committee.

“Rep. Loeffler has long been strong supporter of LGA and a friend to local governments,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “As a committee chair and leader in her party, she listened closely to the needs expressed by Greater Minnesota city leaders and took their concerns to heart. Her efforts helped make our goal of increasing LGA a reality.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 97 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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