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Former State Rep. Jeanne Poppe receives CGMC Legacy Award

ST. PAUL— Former State Rep. Jeanne Poppe was honored with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' (CGMC) Legacy Award on July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria. The Legacy Award is given upon retirement to legislators who had a particularly positive impact on Greater Minnesota cities during their legislative careers.

Poppe, a Democrat from Austin, served eight terms in the Minnesota House from 2005 to January 2021. Throughout her years in office, she was a strong supporter of Local Government Aid, community and technical colleges, and other key programs and institutions that strengthen Greater Minnesota cities. As chair of the House Agriculture Committee, she was particularly engaged in issues that impact farming and agribusiness, which is the lifeblood of many rural communities. In recent years, Poppe also authored legislation that aimed to provide additional state funding for clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs that help cities cover the costs of much-needed repairs and upgrades to their water and wastewater facilities.

"Rep. Poppe was extremely dedicated to improving and strengthening rural communities," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "She always listened to the needs her of constituents and worked hard to find solutions to the problems facing her district and all of Greater Minnesota. We are grateful for her years of service in the Legislature."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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