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Rep. Luke Frederick receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Luke Frederick was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition’s summer conference in Alexandria for his positive impact on environmental issues in Greater Minnesota.

Rep. Frederick, a Democrat from Mankato, is serving his first 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.

As a newly elected legislator, Rep. Frederick quickly demonstrated a strong passion for solving issues related to water quality and infrastructure needs. This session, he was the chief House author of a bill to provide \$100 million in state bonding funds to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) to support its wastewater and drinking water infrastructure grant and loan programs. As communities across the state brace for the need for expensive repairs and upgrades to their facilities, funding through state grants and loans is vital to ensuring that cities can continue to provide clean water without having to impose massive rate increases on local residents and businesses. Although the Legislature did not pass a bonding bill this year, Rep. Frederick was instrumental in securing a House hearing on this issue and his advocacy helps set the stage for a strong investment in water infrastructure in 2022.

“Rep. Frederick is an enthusiastic supporter of keeping Minnesota’s waters clean and ensuring that all Minnesotans have access to safe drinking water,” said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. “Although this was just his first legislative session, Rep. Frederick jumped right in and worked hard to bring attention to the need for a strong state investment in water infrastructure.”

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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