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Rep. Dan Wolgamott receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Dan Wolgamott 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 economic development in Greater Minnesota.

Rep. Wolgamott, a Democrat from St. Cloud, is serving his second 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 the COVID-19 pandemic caused significant financial uncertainty for businesses, workers and communities across the state, Rep. Wolgamott emerged as an enthusiastic and passionate leader on economic development issues. This session, he was a key champion of the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program (BDPI), a successful state program that provides grants to cities to help them pay for critical infrastructure — such as water/sewer connections and roads — that is necessary to encourage businesses to set up roots or expand in rural communities. Wolgamott led efforts in the House to put additional funding into the BDPI program and helped enact policy changes that will allow the program to work better and benefit more cities and businesses.

"Rep. Wolgamott's enthusiasm is contagious. He is always eager and excited to tackle the issues that matter to Greater Minnesota cities," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "He has seen the positive impact that BDPI grants have had on job growth and business development throughout our state, and worked hard this year to make sure that even more cities can take advantage of this important program."

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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