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Sen. John Jasinski receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Sen. John Jasinski 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.

Sen. Jasinski, a Republican from Faribault, is serving his second term in the Minnesota Senate. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC's policy during the preceding legislative session.

Sen. Jasinski is a strong supporter of economic development initiatives that benefit Greater Minnesota and the entire state. In particular, he is a fierce advocate for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program (BDPI), which provides grants to help cities invest in critical public infrastructure — such as water/sewer connections and roads — that is necessary to spur economic development. This session, he served as chief author of a bill that provided additional funding for the BDPI program and he led the charge for policy improvements that will make the program more useable and beneficial for cities. Sen. Jasinski also stands out for his creativity in rural economic development, including creation of the Greater Minnesota Airport Infrastructure Renewal (AIR) grant program.

"Sen. Jasinski is a tenacious legislator who knows how to get things done," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "As a former mayor, he has a strong understanding of the issues facing our cities, especially when it comes to economic development. He uses that knowledge to effectively advocate for Greater Minnesota businesses and communities at 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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