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Minnesota Grocers Association Hires Barthel as Government and Community Relations Manager



St. Paul, MN, January 11, 2022 – The Minnesota Grocers Association is pleased to welcome Steve Barthel as the new Government and Community Relations Manager. Barthel has an extensive background in both government and community relations with a comprehensive knowledge of the Minnesota Legislature.

Barthel has spent the past seven years working in the Minnesota House of Representatives as a Legislative Assistant and Committee Administrator. During his tenure, he was responsible for shaping policy, navigating both sides of the aisle, and managing administrative issues. Barthel has worked on numerous issue areas that are important to MGA members including Property Taxes, Government Operations, and Transportation. Much of his last two years have been spent helping businesses and individuals navigate and implement COVID protocols.

“We are excited to welcome Steve to our team,” said MGA President, Jamie Pfuhl. “His background makes him an excellent fit to represent our great industry.”

“I am excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Minnesota Grocers Association’s legacy,” said Steve Barthel. “The MGA is an excellent organization, whose members play a vital role in every community throughout the state, and I look forward to advancing its work.”

Barthel lives in Plymouth with his wife Kendra and their three daughters: Evelyn (6), Rose (4), and Grace (2). When not busy cooking, cleaning, and chauffeuring the kids to their activities, Barthel enjoys reading about American and presidential history, hunting and fishing, and trying not to be disappointed by Minnesota sports teams.

Barthel is a graduate of Watertown-Mayer High School (Watertown, MN) and the University of Jamestown (Jamestown, ND).

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are a legacy organization, having served the industry for 125 years. We have over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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