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Minnesota Grocers Association Presents 2022 MGA Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Carla Nelson

St. Paul, MN – September 22, 2022 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) presented its 2022 MGA Legislator of the Year award to Senator Carla Nelson (R – Rochester).

Each year, the Minnesota Grocers Association acknowledges a lawmaker who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the food industry of Minnesota. The 2022 MGA Legislator of the Year award went to Senator Nelson for her work in the last biennium as the Chair of the Senate Taxes Committee. Her dedication to the advancement of Minnesota's food industry priorities has been unyielding.

Senator Nelson championed numerous provisions that helped to foster a more competitive tax climate and provide tax relief for our industry – from farm to fork. The raising of the market value exclusion from \$100,000 to \$150,000 aids thousands of businesses across Minnesota. Her efforts to ensure Minnesota's tax law conformity for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loans and Section 179 were crucial for industry. Elimination of the June accelerated tax payment was a multi-year effort that Senator Nelson was able to get across the finish line. Her leadership on tax relief will allow main street Minnesota to flourish - creating jobs and supporting our local communities.

"Senator Nelson has long been a champion of sensible policies that encourage economic activity and competitiveness for Minnesota businesses. As Chair of the Tax Committee, she has shown remarkable leadership in delivering tax relief and has worked collaboratively to provide support for an industry that is facing worker shortages, supply chain challenges, and the ever-increasing cost of doing business," said Jamie Pfuhl, President of the Minnesota Grocers Association. "The industry is honored to recognize Senator Nelson for her support of Main Street Minnesota."

"Minnesota is fortunate to have a unique culture of multi-generational and locally-owned hometown grocers and convenience stores who are cornerstones of their communities," said Senator Nelson. "I am proud to have supported policies in St. Paul that foster growth - not hamper it. To those who work in the food industry and keep our store shelves stocked, I say thank you. I am honored to receive this award from the Minnesota Grocers Association."

The Minnesota Grocers Association congratulates Senator Carla Nelson on being named the 2022 MGA Legislator of the Year.

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating 125 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacture, 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 retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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