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Minnesota Grocers Association Presents 2018 MGA Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Miller

St. Paul, MN – January 25, 2018 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) presented its 2018 MGA Legislator of the Year award to Senator Jeremy Miller (R - Winona) at its annual Legislative Dinner on January 23, 2018, at the St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul, MN.

Each year, the Minnesota Grocers Association acknowledges a lawmaker who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the retail food industry. The 2018 MGA Legislator of the Year award went to Senator Miller for his work last session in advocating for industry's priorities. His steadfast commitment to the food industry of Minnesota by promoting proactive industry priorities was unwavering during the legislative session.

During the 2018 legislative session, Senator Miller worked to advance tax relief for small businesses, which included a multitude of proactive provisions from the MGA. His leadership on tax relief will allow main street Minnesota to flourish, creating jobs and supporting our local communities. Additionally, he worked diligently to support consumer choice, remove mandates that stifle economic growth, and prevent fee increases on industry that increase costs to the consumer.

As a business owner, Senator Jeremy Miller understands the impact legislation can have on a business's bottom-line and is truly a champion of industry. He continually brings people together from both sides of the aisle to promote and advance common sense policies. He is a voice of reason on challenging issues, and we are glad to call him a friend.

"Senator Miller supports common sense policies that create job growth and spur economic activity. He has shown extraordinary leadership in recognizing the need for competitive fairness, a level playing field for business, and supporting long term prosperity for his community and the state. A free marketplace that does not place undue burdens on local businesses helps our neighbors keep their shopping baskets full," said Jamie Pfuhl, President of the Minnesota Grocers Association. "The industry is honored to have a legislator with his vision on our side."

"I am truly honored to receive this award, particularly from an organization that has been such a strong advocate for small businesses," said Sen. Miller. "Grocery stores play a vital role in communities all over the state; including being a one-stop shop for consumers to purchase food and other essential products, they provide important jobs, and they give back to the community. The overall economic activity generated by local grocery stores has a substantial impact on the community."

The Minnesota Grocers Association congratulates Senator Jeremy Miller on being named the 2018 MGA Legislator of the Year.

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members serving over 1,100 locations statewide, as well as over 100 distributors, manufacturers, and wholesale partners. Our member

companies employ over 125,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry of Minnesota as a civic leader and advocate.

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Pictured: MGA Board Chairman Mark Collier, Janel Miller, Senator Jeremy Miller (R - Miller), Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association