

## STATEMENT ON THE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED ATTACKS ON MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Karleen Kos

Phone: 763-746-0701

Email: [kkos@mmua.org](mailto:kkos@mmua.org)

(ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA—June 16, 2025) The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) offers its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, as they grieve their loss at the hands of an assassin early Saturday. As an early supporter of clean energy and energy conservation, Rep. Hortman took the time to meet with MMUA and its members, allowing her to better understand the concerns of hometown utilities. A senseless act of violence has cost Minnesota a dedicated and passionate leader.

MMUA also extends its thoughts and prayers for strength, comfort, and healing to a long-time friend of hometown power, Senator John Hoffman, who, along with his wife Yvette, was seriously injured by multiple gunshot wounds at the hands of the same attacker. MMUA and its members are grateful that Sen. Hoffman and his wife are reportedly in stable condition following surgery and that their doctors are cautiously optimistic that they will, in time, make a full recovery. Whether authoring a bill or amendment, or making a speech in committee or on the floor, Sen. Hoffman has been a reliable supporter of municipal utilities.

In this time of sorrow and reflection, we are reminded of the importance of coming together in support of one another and the things we hold dear. Both Rep. Hortman and Sen. Hoffman have been admirable examples of this Minnesota value. MMUA remains committed to working with leaders across the state to promote policies that serve the best interests of all Minnesotans. Through continued partnership and mutual respect, we can honor the service of those we've lost and uphold the spirit of public service that strengthens our communities.

**About MMUA:** The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) was established in 1931 to unify, support, and serve as a common voice for municipal utilities. The organization represents community-owned hometown utilities in 186 cities around Minnesota that serve a median 1,275 customers. MMUA also provides safety, training, compliance, strategic planning, and government relations services on-site in locations throughout the Midwest. MMUA is headquartered in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and operates a hands-on training center in Marshall, Minnesota.