

What Minnesotans Are Saying About Commissioner Looman

Below, see what Minnesota leaders are saying about new Commerce Commissioner Jessica Looman.

“Jessica Looman and I have worked together for seven years at the Department of Labor and Industry. She’s energetic, whip-smart and a problem solver. A number of times I’ve seen her successfully bring people of differing viewpoints together to resolve difficult issues. Most important, Jessica knows that state government’s role is to serve all Minnesotans. She’s a top-of-the-class public servant and will be an excellent Commerce Commissioner.”

— Ken Peterson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

“I have known Jessica Looman for more than 15 years. At both the Laborers Union and at the Department of Labor and Industry, she has been a resource and advocate for ensuring fairness for working Minnesotans. Jessica works hard to understand all sides of an issue and she is a trusted leader in state government. I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce.”

— Harry Melander, President, Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council

“Jessica Looman served as the General Counsel for the Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota for 10 years. Her work and sound legal advice helped us to better serve our members and signatory contractors. She is a smart and focused leader and an excellent selection for Commerce Commissioner.”

—Tim Mackey, President & Business Manager
Laborers District Council of Minnesota & North Dakota

“The electrical construction industry has found Jessica Looman to be a proven leader. Ms. Looman is a problem solver who listens. She has brought the electrical and solar construction industries together to generate solutions that allow all parties to thrive and keep Minnesotans safe.”

— Gary Thaden, Government Affairs Director,
Minnesota Contractors of National Electrical Contractors Association

“I’d like to congratulate Jessica Looman on her appointment as the Commissioner of the MN Department of Commerce. Jessica Looman has been a catalyst for strengthening Minnesota’s skilled workforce through expansion of registered apprenticeship, the MN PIPELINE Project, and the high school youth skills training program. Jessica listens to employers and has a unique ability to not only identify the issues but also to solve the problems. Minnesota’s future workforce will be stronger because of her work, and I look forward to the great things she will accomplish in her new role!”

— Amy Walstien, Executive Director, MN Precision Manufacturing Association