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February 6, 2007

Mr. Stuart Davis, President
National States' Geographic Information Council
2105 Laurel Bush Road, Suite 200
Bel Air, MD 21015

Dear Mr. Davis,

The Indiana Geographic Information Council, by a vote of its Board of Directors, fully supports the Imagery for the Nation program as championed by the National States' Geographic Information Council.

In 2005, Indiana completed a one-time statewide imagery project that is comparable to the specifications of Imagery for the Nation. With that single year project, we demonstrated 30-40% direct cost savings and innumerable benefits for our citizenry through its use. Imagery is a vital dataset which has helped programs as diverse as health care, emergency response, conservation, and economic development. We understand the tremendous value such a program would have for the country in terms of cost savings, government efficiency, gained opportunity, and lives saved. We are pleased to see the progress and continued efforts of NSGIC to develop a responsible, sustainable plan for access to and acquisition of this data. IGIC unreservedly endorses these efforts.

Sincerely,

Jill Saligoe-Simmel, PhD
Executive Director