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Cy Smith, President National States Geographic Information Council 2105 Lauriel Bush Road, Suite 200 Bel Air, MD 21015

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am pleased to inform you that the Michigan Geospatial Steering Committee endorses the National States Geographic Information Council's "Imagery for the Nation" initiative. Michigan has a long and successful history of sharing geographic information and imagery at all levels of government, as well as with private sector partners and its citizens. Michigan's approach to GIS investment has resulted in an enterprise that is both collaborative and effective in managing the state's unique integrated resources. The Committee understands the value of minimizing costs to taxpayers, while taking advantage of the many and valuable uses statewide imagery offers.

The Committee is aware of NSGIC's "Imagery for the Nation" initiative to systematically acquire imagery in a planned and efficient manner across the states, and looks forward to working with them and federal agencies in achieving these goals.

Respectfully,

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