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Dear President Spicci:

I am happy to inform you that the Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information has endorsed the concept of the National States Geographic Information Council's "Imagery for the Nation" initiative. The council's endorsement reads as follows:

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information is aware of NSGIC's Imagery for the Nation proposal. It offers to supply orthophotography systematically, something much needed by state and local government in Minnesota. The council endorses this proposal in concept and looks forward to working with NSGIC and federal agencies in its implementation.

Minnesota has a long history of sharing Geographic Information and imagery. The council understands the value of minimizing costs to taxpayers while taking advantage of the many and increasingly valuable uses of imagery. Imagery is essential for managing Minnesota natural resources, public safety, infrastructure, development and many other uses. Having a nationwide coordinated digital imagery system would help agencies serve Minnesota's citizens.

The Council looks forward to working with NSGIC to bring this effort to fruition.

Sincerely,

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