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Dear Mr. Smith,

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The Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) Advisory Board has voted at its January 2008 meeting to fully support the "Imagery For The Nation" (IFTN) program as put forth by the National States Geographic Information Council.

Jeffrey M. Anderson  
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The Commonwealth of Virginia has had a sustainable and recurring statewide orthoimagery program, called the Virginia Base Mapping Program (VBMP), since 2002, with plans underway for our third successive four year acquisition cycle. The VGIN Advisory Board is pleased to see that the structure of the IFTN program is very similar to the VBMP. Therefore, it is easy for the VGIN Advisory Board to support the concepts of working together to promote a sustainable imagery program for the nation, one that promotes cost sharing and economies of scale to meet a common need of the states.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Watkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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