

June 5, 2026

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
H-130 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng,

On behalf of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), we respectfully request your support for full funding of NOAA's Digital Coast program at the authorized level of \$4 million in the FY 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Coastal communities across the country rely on Digital Coast every day for authoritative geospatial data, decision-support tools, and training that help them manage flood risks, sea-level rise, coastal storms, infrastructure planning, and economic development. The program provides critical capabilities that strengthen public safety, support resilient infrastructure investments, and protect local economies in America's coastal regions. It also serves as the essential coastal and offshore complement to the USGS 3D National Topography Model, creating a seamless national geospatial framework from mountaintops to the seafloor.

We urge the Subcommittee to provide the full \$4 million authorized for the Digital Coast program. This funding level is necessary to maintain data currency, sustain high-quality tools and technical assistance, and ensure coastal communities continue to have access to the trusted information they need to make sound decisions.

The partnership model that underpins Digital Coast represents the gold standard for federal-state collaboration, eliminating duplicative spending and maximizing the return on every taxpayer dollar.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your partnership with the states in strengthening the Nation's foundational geospatial infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Mark Yacucci

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