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The Honorable John Hoeven
U.S. Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
U.S. Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Hoeven and Ranking Member Shaheen:

On behalf of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), we write to express our strong support for continued funding for the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) and, specifically, the \$10 million included in the House Agriculture appropriations report for NAIP. NSGIC speaks as the voice of the States on matters of mapping and geospatial programs as the national, nonprofit 501(c)(6) representing state geographic information system (GIS) leaders advancing effective geospatial policy and technology.

Our members understand firsthand that the NAIP provides critical, high-resolution aerial imagery that supports a wide range of state and federal responsibilities. State geographic information offices and other state agencies rely on current, consistent imagery as a foundational geospatial resource for agriculture, natural resource management, emergency response, infrastructure planning, environmental management, and many other public-sector applications. Current aerial imagery supports our economy by creating a more favorable business climate allowing for more efficient site selection and development.

For states, access to current imagery is not simply a convenience. It is foundational geospatial infrastructure. NAIP imagery provides a consistent national framework that can be combined with state and local data to support decision-making and public services across jurisdictions.

NSGIC encourages the Senate to retain the House's \$10 million allocation for NAIP as the appropriations process moves forward. Continued federal investment in this program helps ensure that states have access to the reliable, current imagery they need to carry out their responsibilities efficiently and effectively.

Thank you for your consideration of this important investment in the nation's geospatial infrastructure. NSGIC appreciates your continued support for programs that strengthen the ability of states and the federal government to use geospatial information in service to the public.

Sincerely,

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