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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

On behalf of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), I respectfully urge you to bring the Senate-passed Digital Coast Reauthorization Act of 2025 (S. 2245) to the House floor for passage. This bipartisan legislation will sustain a critical national resource that helps coastal communities protect lives, strengthen infrastructure, and support economic development.

Coastal communities across the country rely on NOAA's Digital Coast for authoritative geospatial data, decision-support tools, and technical training. These resources help communities assess flood risks, prepare for coastal storms, plan infrastructure investments, and make informed decisions that protect public safety and local economies.

The Senate version appropriately focuses Digital Coast training on technical instruction in the use of data and tools provided through Digital Coast investments. This approach helps ensure that the program's investments deliver lasting value by equipping users to apply the data and tools effectively. It strengthens the return on investment in both the underlying data and the training needed to put those resources to work.

As a representative of Louisiana, you have seen firsthand the importance of coastal data in sound engineering, infrastructure planning, and disaster response. Louisiana's communities and economy face significant risks from coastal storms, flooding, and land loss. Reliable data and practical tools help public officials and engineers make better decisions before disasters strike and respond more effectively when they do. Without reauthorization, the people of Louisiana are at greater risk.

We respectfully ask you to support passage of S. 2245, the Senate version of the Digital Coast Reauthorization Act of 2025, so NOAA and its partners can continue delivering the data, tools, and technical training on which coastal communities depend.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of this important legislation.

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