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RE: *Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative*

Dear Mr. Mastrodicasa,

Thank you for your recent update regarding progress being made with respect to the Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative (SDMI). We recognize the need across all business lines for consistent, accurate and up-to-date map data. We appreciate the State and Federal collaboration making this possible.

It is our understanding this collaborative effort is the most efficient and effective way to collect and distribute geospatial data. Uncoordinated efforts have, historically, resulted in data gaps, costly redundant expenditures and limitations in both licensing and data formats. .

We believe this integrated approach should be encouraged such that stakeholder representatives can make unified recommendations for statewide mapping programs and to coordinate and facilitate funding strategies.

Again, we appreciate the efforts of the SDMI and its Federal partners. Some very substantial accomplishments have been achieved and we look forward to the completion of a statewide digital map that is current, accurate and available to all.

Sincerely,

Lee Ryan, Chair