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Senators and Representatives of the United States of America,

On behalf of the membership of the International Map Trade Association (IMTA) Americas Division, we the board of directors heartily endorse the Proposal for National Economic Recovery, *An Investment in Geospatial Information Infrastructure, Building a National GIS*.

The new administration's economic recovery plan holds the promise of revitalizing the economy of the United States of America (USA). However, it must include a geographic information infrastructure as a foundation to the recovery and a means to map and measure our results. Building a national geographic information system (GIS) will support cost efficient mapping of infrastructure improvements, create high tech jobs, and provide the impetus for continued economic growth.

The IMTA represents the mapping, geospatial and geographic information industry worldwide, and the IMTA (Americas) region includes the USA. The IMTA (Americas) endorses and asks you to support the Proposal for National Economic Recovery, *An Investment in Geospatial Information Infrastructure, Building a National GIS*.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Kline".

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