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Greetings,

On behalf of the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations, I am reaching out to share our appreciation for the work you and your office in partnership with the Chief Information Office at the United States Department of Transportation have done to create a national address database. We not only recognize the importance of the accomplishments to date in putting together a minimum content data schema but the significant work that has been done in bringing together almost 57 million address point locations representing 23 states and the local governments within them into that schema. It is impressive that you have been able to accomplish this level of success with the limited resources invested to date.

COGO not only recognizes this significant achievement but also urges you, the US DOT, and other federal partners to continue the extremely important work you are doing in creating partnerships with states, local governments, and other organizations to bring a national open and publicly available address dataset together. This data is extremely important not only for 9-1-1 use but for a multitude of other programs and organizations that utilize these points as a foundational geospatial dataset. Additionally, having the data open and available to all fits well with the notion of "build it once and use it many times" which COGO and several other geospatial organizations support.

COGO and its partner organizations look forward to supporting your continued work in creating a sustainable process and funding of a national address dataset that is freely open and publicly available.

Sincerely,

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2019 Chair, Coalition of Geospatial Organizations

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