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Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

ATTN: Brian Simonsen

Dear Senator Grassley,

The Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO) is a coalition of 12 national professional societies, trade associations, and membership organizations in the geospatial field, representing more than 170,000 individual producers and users of geospatial data and technology. We are writing to you to express our support for Senators Hatch and Warner's National GIS Day Resolution and to encourage its timely passage.

With the enactment of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 in conjunction with the FAA Reauthorization in H.R. 302 on Oct. 5, the framework is in place for developing sound policy in support of geospatial data management at every level of government. Public safety, natural resource management, social service provision, transportation, health care, economic development and more rely on efficient management and use of geospatial data. Raising awareness of geospatial issues is very important and the U.S. Senate's National GIS Day Resolution will help tremendously.

Sincerely,

Richard Popp, Chair
Coalition of Geospatial Organizations

Cc: Honorable Senator Diane Feinstein, Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee