

February 8, 2010

**RE:** WV Geographical Information Systems bill – SB 359

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

I am pleased to inform you that on 22 January 2010, the board of the WV Association of Geospatial Professionals (WVAGP) adopted a resolution in support of SB 359. SB 359 will let GIS users groups, such as WVAGP, get the recognition needed to assist the WV GIS Coordinator in the development of the WV GIS Strategic Plan. WVAGP strongly supports this bill and our association encourages that SB 359 be passed this session. Listed below is the resolution that WVAGP passed supporting SB 359.

#### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Executive Order 4-93 authorized the development of a formal statewide GIS User Group to serve as the vehicle for education, training, and information exchange among GIS users; and

WHEREAS, the WV GIS Policy Council on 28 July 2008 formally recognized WVAGP as fulfilling the formal User Group role in state coordination; and

WHEREAS, the GIS User Group assists in the development of the state geographic information system plan; and

WHEREAS, the Office of GIS Coordinator, WV GIS Steering Committee, GIS Policy Council, and Chief Technology Officer are key GIS coordinating elements of the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the board of the West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals (WVAGP) endorses SB 359 by the WV Legislature recognizing GIS User Groups in West Virginia.

Sincerely,



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President, WVAGP