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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The overriding principle of the Association of Arkansas Counties is to work toward the improvement of county government. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) have become an important tool county government can use to deliver services and solve problems in numerous ways. The technology can help county government with road and bridge management, voter registration, election administration, redistricting of our Justice of the Peace districts, real estate taxation, law enforcement, emergency management and many others. These are all possible if our counties have accurate and properly maintained maps.

Coordinated maps ensure counties can respond to issues that arise along their borders. The plan proposed by the Arkansas Geographic Information Office would assist counties in creating a common map. Doing so would support county and state efforts to provide services to citizens of Arkansas.

Some of our counties need additional support from the state to complete mapping the information in their counties. A resource for cost sharing with the state would be a tremendous benefit to every county.

On August 10th, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the plan being advanced by the Arkansas Geographic Information Office. It is our hope that the Governor and the legislature will give this plan consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Chris Villines
Executive Director

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