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Dear Mr. Grams:

The Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) Council endorses the GIS Certification Program and believes it represents a significant step forward in recognizing the contribution of GIS professionals to their organizations, their communities and the profession. The OGRIP Council strongly believes in the concept of professional certification for the GIS Community and specifically GIS practitioners.

Today's geospatial community contains diverse individuals using spatial technology in an ethical and professional manner. GIS Certification Institute (GISCI), through its defined certification process and stated code of ethics, provides long over due recognition of this professionalism.

OGRIP recognizes that GIS certification is not mandatory, but it identifies an ethical standard, consistency in skill sets, and ensures a level of competency within the GIS profession. It supports the professional and personal growth of GIS professionals in the workplace today.

We would like to thank you for your valuable work and support of the GIS profession through the GIS Certification program and we will continue to promote the value of GIS Professional certification to the GIS community in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Stuart R. Davis, Chair
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