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Senator Dianne Feinstein
US Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the Seismological Society of America (SSA), I am writing to express our strong support for the reauthorization of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

Established forty years ago, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) works to reduce risks to life and property from future earthquakes, recognizing that earthquake-related losses can be lessened through a coordinated effort. Today NEHRP continues to make valuable contributions to the nation's resilience to earthquakes. Through its collaborative framework, NEHRP provides the opportunity for each of the four involved Agencies (US Geological Survey, National Science Foundation, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology) to work together to develop strategies, tools and techniques to reduce the adverse effects of earthquakes to the nation.

SSA is an international scientific society devoted to the advancement of seismology and the understanding of earthquakes for the betterment of society. Founded in the wake of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, SSA promotes research on the science of seismology and shares that research with the public and the government to build safer and more resilient communities. As part of our mission, we provide an unbiased source of reliable information for any government agency or official seeking sound scientific advice essential to building earthquake awareness and safety capacity.

Thank you for your support of NEHRP and your continued support for earthquake science. SSA looks forward to working with you and Congress to seek the reauthorization of this important program. If we can be of any assistance, please contact us.

Regards,

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SSA President-Elect