



4 December 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its more than 60,000 members, I am writing to endorse the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2017 and to thank you for crafting this important bill.

AGU applauds the bill's inclusion of a national assessment that will be used to evaluate our nation's progress towards making our citizens and infrastructure more resilient to earthquakes. Significantly, the bill also makes interagency coordination easier, ensuring that federal agencies share valuable information and resources regarding earthquake preparedness, risk reduction, and damage mitigation. We also appreciate the bill's emphasis on public education and outreach to reduce harm to communities. It is critical that the American public understand the importance of earthquake hazard research, risk mitigation, and implementation in order to maximize preparedness.

Thank you for your leadership on this bill, which provides a much-needed update to the nation's earthquake hazards program. AGU looks forward to working with you on this critical issue in the future.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine W. McEntee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Christine W. McEntee
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