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Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly
Sacramento, California

Subject: Support for AB 1857

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian:

I am writing on behalf of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) in support of *California Assembly Bill 1857 – Building Codes*.

The mission of EERI is to support individuals, communities and organizations with a common interest in reducing earthquake risk, and includes advocating for comprehensive and realistic measures for reducing the harmful effects of earthquakes. Our membership includes professionals in a wide range of seismic safety-related scientific and design disciplines, including but not limited to architects, planners, seismologists, structural engineers, and public policy professionals.

California Assembly Bill 1857 requires the investigation and creation of a necessary “functional recovery” standard to be incorporated in the California Building Code for all or some building occupancy classifications in the state. EERI believes these enforceable building code provisions and regulations are an important step to improved seismic safety in California, and that providing these specific design and construction requirements will support California's broader disaster resilience and mitigation goals in the future.

We want to thank you for considering our suggestions on this important legislation, and for the opportunity to work closely with you and your staff on this critical seismic safety issue.

Sincerely,

David A. Friedman
President