June 22, 2018

Assemblymember Nazarian
California State Assembly
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Support for AB 2681 (Nazarian)

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian:

I am writing on behalf of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) in support of California Assembly Bill 2681 – Seismic Safety: Potentially Vulnerable Buildings.

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 2681 requires an inventory of potentially vulnerable buildings. EERI believes this is a necessary step that will bring local jurisdictions closer to their hazard mitigation goals, improve seismic safety in California, and support California’s broader and long-term disaster resilience objectives.

Sincerely,

David A. Friedman
Board President, EERI