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Mr. Kris Hamlet, Director
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State of Utah
Capitol Complex
350 North State Street, Suite 220
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Re: All Hazard Resiliency Plan Recommendations

Dear Kris,

As you are aware, the primary mission of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) is to promote seismic safety and advocate preparedness. This mission applies to all methods available to assist our state in being as prepared as possible for the severe effects of a large earthquake. The Commission along with EERI (Earthquake Engineering Research Institute) has been actively engaged in an effort to encourage the preparation of a statewide "All Hazards Resiliency Plan". The release of the earthquake probabilities report, forecasting a significant likelihood of a 6.0 or larger earthquake within the next 50 years, emphasizes the urgent need for such a plan (see "Earthquake Probabilities for the Wasatch Front Region in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming" by the Working Group on Utah Earthquake Probabilities). We strongly support the Utah Division of Emergency Management (DEM) taking the lead role in preparing, publicizing and implementing such a plan.

We envision this All Hazards Resiliency Plan will address the needs and contingencies of multiple entities throughout the state that will be affected by a major disaster, whether natural or manmade. We express our support and appreciation for your willingness to work with USSC and many other organizations regarding our Utah resiliency needs. Please let us know if you need any additional information in relation to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Utah Seismic Safety Committee

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