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Re: NEHRP-ACEHR 2019 Interim Report

Dear Dr. Rix:

Thank you for your May 9, 2019 interim letter report regarding the effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). I want to personally express my thanks to you and other members of the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR) for your efforts in developing the recommendations contained in your letter.

The key points raised in your letter – in particular, the role of the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) in providing strategic leadership and oversight, and your support for seeking interagency mechanisms to enhance the visibility of NEHRP and updating the NEHRP Strategic Plan - are significant and deserve thorough consideration. As you know, the NEHRP ICC will meet on August 7, 2019.

We appreciate the time and hard work you and other members of the ACEHR contribute.

Sincerely,

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