

February 12, 2013

Governor Gary R. Herbert Utah State Capitol Complex 350 North State, Suite 200 P.O. Box 142220 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Dear Governor Herbert,

As President of the Utah Chapter of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute I would like to thank you and Lt. Governor Bell, on behalf of our state-wide membership, for recommending the inclusion of \$500,000 into the Office of Education Budget for the Rapid Visual Screening for earthquake risk at our public school buildings.

Our children are the future of our State, and increasing their safety is, as always, of paramount concern.

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute is a world-wide organization dedicated to fostering both public and private sector seismic safety. As such, it is very appropriate that we go on record to show support for your efforts.

Yours truly,

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