



April 17, 2019

Honorable Susan Rubio, Chair  
Senate Insurance Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2195  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 254, as amended April 1, 2019 (Hertzberg) – California Resilient Homes Initiative – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Rubio,

We write on behalf of Enterprise Community Partners (Enterprise) in support of Senate Bill 254, Senator Hertzberg's *Resilient Homes Initiative*. Enterprise Community Partners supports the bill's dual goals to assist the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) to continue to provide affordable and valuable earthquake insurance, and to make new and much greater contributions to pre-earthquake mitigation throughout California.

SB 254 will empower the CEA to significantly increase its funding of seismic retrofit incentive grant program, at no cost to taxpayers. This funding will make a tremendous impact on ongoing efforts to make Californians safer, and their homes and neighborhoods more resilient.

Enterprise would also support using the identified funds for pre-development and seismic retrofit grants for property owners of subsidized and unsubsidized buildings that are currently affordable to low and moderate income tenants.

The science is clear – California will experience another powerful and damaging earthquake in the foreseeable future. Now is the time for action, and we respectfully request that the Senate Insurance Committee support SB 254.

If you have any questions regarding our position please contact Joss Tillard-Gates, Senior Program Director, Policy for Enterprise Southern California.

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline Waggoner  
Vice President & Southern California Market Leader

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Rich Gross  
Vice President & Northern California Market Leader

cc: Senator Hertzberg  
Honorable Members, Senate Insurance Committee  
Hugh Slayden, Principal Consultant, Senate Insurance Committee

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