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The Honorable Chair Henry Stern
Senate Emergency Management Committee
1020 N Street, 549
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: EERI SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2385 (Petrie-Norris) – Local Reconstruction Agencies

Dear Senator Durazo and Senator Stern,

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) supports AB 2385 (Petrie-Norris) – Local Reconstruction Agencies as it addresses a significant gap in California's disaster recovery framework. While the state has developed robust systems for emergency response and short-term recovery, communities recovering from major disasters often face years or decades of reconstruction challenges involving financing, governance, land-use planning, infrastructure replacement, and housing recovery. AB 2385's proposed framework for Local Reconstruction Agencies (LRAs) would provide local governments with an institutional structure and funding pathways to coordinate long-term recovery and reconstruction following major disasters, empowering communities to move beyond temporary fixes and toward long-term, sustainable resilience.

Establishing a dedicated framework for long-term reconstruction is a promising and necessary policy innovation. For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of AB 2385.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director