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To All Residents and Visitors  
of the Great State of California

All Californians – individuals and families, schools, organizations, businesses, and government- have a vital role in the emergency preparedness essential to maintaining the lifestyles and livelihoods we enjoy here in the Great State of California. Our rocky and sand swept coastlines, rolling hillsides and white water tributaries not only remind us that our way of life is good and worth preserving – they also reflect the impacts of what threaten California’s safety on a daily basis: fires, floods, tsunamis and earthquakes.

Earthquakes in particular represent a potentially catastrophic threat from the community to the statewide level. All of us share responsibility to take preparedness actions now, so we can not only survive the “big one”, but ensure we can recover and get our lives back on track as quickly as possible.

By participating in “**The Great California ShakeOut,**” you have the unique opportunity to partner with statewide emergency managers, scientists, and community leaders to develop your own preparedness strategy and learn how to prepare, protect and recover from any disaster - including an inevitable catastrophic earthquake.

Join us today by registering at [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) to participate in “The Great California ShakeOut,” scheduled for October 20th, 2011 at 10:20 am (PST). Together, we can work to successfully protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors, and make our communities resilient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Dayton', is positioned above the typed name.

MIKE DAYTON  
Acting Secretary