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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to join all who have gathered to support The Great Southern California ShakeOut that will be taking place the week of November 12th – 16th, 2008.

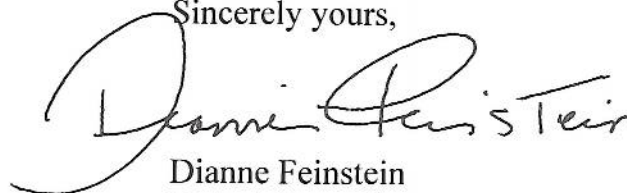
The Great Southern California ShakeOut demonstrates how California is a leader in planning for natural hazards and creating community awareness. The safety of all Californians should be our number one priority and it is so critical that we prepare now for a large earthquake. The ShakeOut scenario will highlight what a large earthquake could look like and reminds us all that we have a pivotal role to play in lessening the devastating affects of a major earthquake.

As science has told us, an earthquake is an inevitable part of our future and The Great Southern California ShakeOut is our opportunity to practice what happens in a large earthquake. To that end, my offices in Southern California will be joining millions across the region at 10a.m. on November 13th to participate in our own earthquake drill. I encourage all of Southern California to do the same and thank you in advance for your involvement.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I support The Great Southern California ShakeOut and commend all of those involved in coordinating such an important event.

Let us all join together – prepare and stay safe!

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator