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Subject: The Great Washington ShakeOut

The Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW) is excited to see that Washington is holding its inaugural Great Washington ShakeOut in October. This statewide “drop, cover, hold on” drill will help raise awareness of the earthquake hazards throughout our state while promoting personal and organizational preparedness and mitigation measures. Combined, these efforts will increase the earthquake resilience of Washington communities and the state as a whole.

SEAW has a fundamental canon to “hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.” This includes promoting efforts that reduce the public risk due to earthquake hazards. Due to these common goals, SEAW is proud to offer our support to the Great Washington ShakeOut and we look forward to a more seismically resilient Washington State through our combined efforts.

Sincerely,

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