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HEARING CHARTER

May 31, 2018

TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Field Committee Hearing: “Earthquake Mitigation: Reauthorizing the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program”

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *Earthquake Mitigation: Reauthorizing the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program*” on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. PT/5:00 p.m. ET at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Hearing Purpose:

The purpose of the hearing is to review the federal National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), to examine the strengths, weaknesses, and challenges of the 40-year interagency effort, and to receive recommendations for future reauthorization of the program.

Witness List

- **Dr. Steven McCabe**, Director, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program; Group Leader, Earthquake Engineering Group, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **Dr. Stephen Hickman**, Director, USGS Earthquake Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey
- **Dr. Frank Vernon**, Research Geophysicist, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego
- **Mr. Chris D. Poland**, Consulting Engineer; NIST Community Resilience Fellow
- **Mr. Ryan Arba**, Branch Chief, Earthquake and Tsunami Program, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

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For questions related to the hearing, please contact Jenn Wickre of the Majority Staff at 202-225-6371.