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Mr. Melvyn Green
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Dear Mel:

On behalf of the SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee, I would like to ask that NCSEA consider requesting to the International Code Council Standards Council that it develop an ICC Standard for the Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings Chapters in Appendix A of the International Existing Building Code. ICC has a Policy CP#12-2003 along with procedures and forms for making such a request.

The SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee believes that ICC, in close cooperation with NCSEA, are best suited to develop and maintain standards for the seismic retrofit of existing buildings.

During its consideration of this request, the ICC Standards Council will review existing standards and the willingness of existing standards developers to address this need. ASCE is currently developing Performance Based Earthquake Engineering Standards for Rehabilitating Existing Buildings. The intent of this proposed request is not to duplicate ASCE's effort, but to create a more cost-effective set of practical retrofit measures for common vulnerable building types that can be readily implemented by designers and enforced by building officials with significantly lower design effort and cost than ASCE's standards.

The SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee is interested in participating in your Committee's efforts on national issues. We look forward to working with you and your Committee in the future.

Sincerely,

Fred Turner, PE, SE
Chairman, SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee