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STATEMENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF FUNDING FOR CA EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

"The President's proposed cuts to the US Geological Survey are a threat to the lives of millions of people in California and beyond. Eliminating this relatively small but critical funding for the development of the CA Earthquake Early Warning System would effectively end this project which is our most promising tool to provide advance warning before the next earthquake hits.

When it comes to earthquakes, seconds matter. A fully deployed early warning system would give time for elevators to shut down, hospitals to turn on back-up generators, and people to take cover.

As Councilmember representing the area that was the epicenter of our region's last major earthquake, this goes beyond politics. I call on Congress to reject this proposal and to continue funding the CA Earthquake Early Warning System."

-Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Twelfth District

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