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Dear Property Owner:

As residents of Nevada, the third most seismically active state in the nation, we live in earthquake country. In an effort to better understand our community's inventory of older masonry buildings, the Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention (CCDBFP) is conducting a survey of Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URM's). In 2012, the State of Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology prepared Report 54, "Preliminary Assessment of Potentially Unreinforced Masonry Buildings in Nevada". CCDBFP will be reviewing and updating data contained in this report in an effort to provide an improved URM inventory for Unincorporated Clark County. This study will allow us to have a better understanding of our local inventory of URM structures and help us to more effectively prepare and update our community's earthquake response plan.

Engineering staff (including Student Engineers or interns) will be conducting visual surveys and taking photographs of buildings on the state's potential URM inventory. They may also in some instances be utilizing rebar detectors and thermographic cameras in an effort to better understand the existing construction of our community's older masonry buildings. We anticipate being complete with the survey by December of 2014.

CCDBFP is asking for your cooperation and in some instances permission to enter your property in order to accurately conduct this survey. The rebar detectors and thermographic cameras are safe and will not damage your property.

Our Department's URM survey is similar to prior surveys conducted in California and the Pacific Northwest. For more information on CCDBFP please visit www.clarkcountynv.gov and under the Departments tab select "Building Engineering".

Thank you for your cooperation in this worthwhile and historic effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald L. Lynn", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald L. Lynn
Director/Building & Fire Official

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