TEMPLATE LETTER – Please place on hospital letterhead and add hospital-specific details

December XX, 2023

[Insert recipient; see list in subdivision (b) of [Section 130066.5](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=130066.5.&lawCode=HSC) of the Health and Safety Code]

**Subject:** **Annual Status Update on 2030 Seismic Requirements for [Insert your hospital]**

Dear [Insert recipient]:

I am writing on behalf of (insert hospital name) to provide an annual status update on our hospital’s progress in meeting the 2030 seismic requirements. As you may know, all California hospitals must submit these reports, as required by Section 130066.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

Attached you will find this information, which we recently submitted to the Department of Health Care Access and Information. It lays out the state’s Structural Performance Category ratings of our buildings and the services we currently provide in them.

Our hospital has met [or will soon meet—if your hospital has any remaining SPC-1 buildings] the state’s 2020 requirements to remain standing after an earthquake. Our hospital has spent the last \_\_\_ years, endless hours of planning, and $\_\_\_ to confidently say — per state calculations — our hospital will stand, and our patients and employees will be safe.

However, under current law, any hospital building that does not meet the state’s 2030 seismic standards by Jan. 1, 2030, will be forced to close and patient care will cease at those facilities. The 2030 standards require additional retrofitting or the entire replacement of hospital buildings that house patients so that they can be fully operational immediately after an earthquake, regardless of other infrastructure issues. The cost of meeting the 2030 requirements will limit access to health care, and our most vulnerable populations will be hit the hardest. People in our community would have to travel more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ miles [or insert XX minutes]to receive hospital care if this law forces our closure.

Our community has many unmet health care needs that must be addressed before we spend limited health care dollars on these additional seismic requirements.

We welcome any questions you may have about the current status of our buildings — or this upcoming state deadline. Please do not hesitate to reach out to (insert contact’s name and email address or phone number) for further information.

Sincerely,

Name

Title