



14 March 2016

The Honorable Suzan DelBene
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congresswoman DelBene:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its more than 60,000 members, I am writing to endorse the National Landslide Loss Reduction Act and to thank you for crafting this important bill.

As an organization whose mission is to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity, AGU applauds the bill's overall goals of identifying landslide hazards and reducing resulting loss. Events such as the 2014 landslide in Oso, Washington, which resulted in the deaths of 43 people and destroyed 42 homes, highlight the critical need for further research and mitigation of landslide hazards.

AGU also very much supports the Act's commitment to research, especially the development of priorities for identifying, mapping, and assessing landslide hazards and the creation of a national database that can aid scientists and others in their work. Many of our members are very actively involved in related research, and I am sure they would want to be of service to these efforts as the bill progresses.

I feel confident that the National Landslide Loss Reduction Act will not only protect many lives, but also help reduce the effects landslides have on health, safety, the economy, and the environment. AGU looks forward to working with you on this critical issue in the future.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine W. McEntee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Christine W. McEntee
CEO/Executive Director
American Geophysical Union