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Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association, I am writing this letter in support of a resource guide titled ***The Red Guide to Recovery – Resource Handbook for Disaster Survivors***. This valuable publication provides pertinent information in great detail that disaster survivors need to know in order to begin to recover from disastrous events ranging from the single family house fire, to wildland fire conflagrations, earthquakes and floods.

As all hazards response agencies, we have a duty to serve our public which includes education on safety and preparedness as well as provide them with the tools that will help them become resilient.

We respond to a large number of structure fires and other types of events each year that cause displacement of families, significant structural damage, or both. The question we most often hear when we are completed with our response is, "What do we do now?" I believe ***The Red Guide to Recovery*** can answer this question in a tangible way that would help those affected on the road to recovery and rebuilding their lives following a disaster.

Our vision would be to place copies of this book on our fire apparatus so it can be given out to residents immediately after disaster events. This is the time when disaster survivors are most vulnerable and often fall prey to the pitfalls that await them when we have returned to service. We must remember that our duties of assistance can and should continue after the response; this guide can help us fulfill those obligations.

On behalf of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association, we offer our full support for this publication and would appreciate any help to fund the publication of 5,000 of these books for distribution throughout our communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (949) 644-3101.

Respectfully submitted,

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