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To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the San Bernardino County Fire, Office of Emergency Services, I am writing this letter in support of a much needed resource titled The Red Guide to Recovery - Resource Handbook for Disaster Survivors.

Having been in the fire service and public safety for over 30 years, I know firsthand how difficult recovery can be for someone who has lost everything to a disaster. Each year San Bernardino County residents endure fires, floods, pipe ruptures, sewage back-ups, and a wide range of other natural or man-made events. Currently, when first responders leave the scene of a disaster and go back into service, the survivors are left to figure out their recovery on their own. For those who have lost their home or become displaced, this can be the beginning of a nightmare as most don't know what to do, who to trust, or where to turn for help.

The Red Guide to Recovery is a tool created to walk disaster survivors step-by-step through the recovery process and raise awareness of the many pitfalls that present themselves in post-disaster scenarios. It is designed to give first responders a unique tool to help people transition from the response into the recovery process and start rebuilding their homes and lives.

My vision is to place copies of this book with fire agencies throughout the County as well as provide copies to other stakeholders in the County who are engaged in disaster preparedness, response, or recovery.

On behalf of this agency and as director of emergency services, I offer my full support for this publication and would greatly appreciate your help in finding funding partners or solutions so we can make this resource available before the next disaster strikes.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (909) 356-3998. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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