



## OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Gary Dietrich  
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Dear Mr. Dietrich:

As the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS), I am writing to express my full support of Citizen Voice's SAFELY OUT™ Project. I applaud your effort to help citizens, especially our most vulnerable, prepare for safe evacuation in any natural or manmade disaster.

California experienced a catastrophic fire season last year and this year has the potential to be equally as devastating. We see tremendous value in how the SAFELY OUT™ Kits can help streamline emergency responders' responsibilities in disasters, enabling them to allocate resources to those who need them most. This approach relieves the burden that emergency responders often shoulder alone of checking every home to verify that residents are out safely.

At OHS, we are always looking for ways to help make Californians more prepared, and for ways to help our first responders do their jobs more effectively, all to help save lives and property. Citizen Voice's SAFELY OUT Project does both and we're happy to be involved with the effort.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Bettenhausen  
Director