



***Resources for Independent Living***

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Gary Dietrich,  
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1215 K Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95670

Dear Mr. Dietrich,

Resources for Independent Living, Inc. (RIL) is a local non profit service and advocacy agency working in Sacramento and Yolo counties to assist citizens with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and communities and prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and the thousands of consumers we serve we wish to go on record as fully supporting the Safely Out project. RIL has been fortunate to work with Jerry Colivas, a Safely Out Advisory Committee member, on a number of special training projects to educate and prepare our consumers for survival and/or evacuation in the event of a disaster. Disaster preparedness is an essential activity for our constituency.

Most recently our agency has been working with Safely Out through a grant funded by the California Department of Rehabilitation. All trainees received a Safely Out kit to effectively organize their household in preparation for an evacuation. The consumers express a high level of confidence in this training and we intend to provide additional trainings in the future.

As Co-Chair of the California Quality Home Care Coalition I also intend to promote the Safely Out project statewide through the In Home Supportive Services program. If you wish to speak with me directly regarding our involvement with Safely Out, please contact me at (916) 446-3074.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Gracechild".

Frances Gracechild, Executive Director  
Resources for Independent Living, Inc.