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Dear Mr. Dietrich,

I am writing to express my full support of the "Safely Out" Project campaign. As the City of Sacramento's emergency manager, I know from experiencing disasters both inside and outside of Sacramento, how important it is to have our citizens well prepared. Your program not only helps our citizens get prepared to face a disaster but also gives them tools so that they can take positive actions to get help and to also help our first responders.

"Safely Out" provides a simple process for citizens to alert our first responders to their needs such as assistance in evacuating their home. It also will help with family reunification by alerting first responders and others that they were able to get safely out and to where they evacuated.

I applaud your effort to insure our citizens can get safely out of harms way. Your approach is simple and straightforward. These factors have led to your ability to gain the support of many government and non government agencies and organizations. I believe your model can be replicated in many areas around the country.

Sincerely,

Jerry Colivas,  
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