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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
47th President of the United States

RE: FEMA Individual Assistance to Caldor Fire Survivors in Grizzly Flats, CA

Dear President Trump,

Please provide FEMA Individual Assistance to the victims of the Caldor Fire, especially since the residents of Grizzly Flats, CA, were promised help. The people still living on their properties are destitute and struggling to survive. Several of the residents in Grizzly Flats are without homes and have temporary living conditions due to the expectation that a President would keep the promise of assistance and support. The residents of Grizzly Flats feel that they have become "the forgotten man" due to the years that have gone by without any federal assistance.

The unaffordable conditions in California have been rising costs causing Grizzly Flats residents hardship and preventing them from rebuilding what was lost in the Caldor Fire. The residents look to Government as having the ability and responsibility to help with disasters, like the Caldor Fire, through FEMA and other federal agency programs. There has been no individual assistance from Government, despite clear promises from President Biden in 2021 when the Caldor Fire ravaged Grizzly Flats. The congressional representatives that have tried to talk about Grizzly Flats claim they have not been able to secure anything in terms of FEMA Individual Assistance.

The people of Grizzly Flats have begun the process of going to the press with their concerns. There is a general feeling that Government at all levels has abandoned Grizzly Flats residents. El Dorado County has worked hard to help rebuild Grizzly Flats, would like the opportunity to prove to the residents that they have NOT been abandoned and that Government still works for the people. Only the Federal Government can help provide FEMA Individual Assistance for the residents of Grizzly Flats after a wildfire natural disaster.

Sincerely,

George Turnboo

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