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Subject: Atlas Peak Fire

Friends:

As many of you may know, my 92-year old mother, her life partner, and my sister and brother-in-law lost their Atlas Peak homes to the fires, as did so many others in our community. Thanks to the generosity and assistance of friends and colleagues, they have found temporary housing while they assess their options.

While most of those who lost their homes have insurance to pay for part of their loss, many people are under-insured and nothing can replace the memories and personal items that were lost in the fire or erase the fear and trauma of the evacuation. The struggle to return to normalcy will continue for years.

There is no question in my mind that this was a preventable fire. PG&E chose to put profits over the safety of their customers by ignoring maintenance issues. I feel lucky because one of my oldest and dearest friends is a lawyer whose specific area of expertise is suing utility companies whose lax maintenance caused fires that destroyed the homes of thousands of people. Unlike the legion of lawyers that are flooding our airways and newspapers claiming to be experts in the field, my friend, Michael Feinberg, and his team, have been engaged full-time in litigating power line fire cases for over 10 years. Their track record is unparalleled. You will not see Michael's name or face on a television commercial or billboard because that's not who he is or how he operates. He and his team don't try to sign up thousands of victims. Instead, they choose to offer personalized representation to a much smaller pool of clients. Their clients come from personal recommendations and word of mouth. They work tirelessly on behalf of their clients and are tenacious about protecting their rights. Not only are Michael and his partner, Tom Tosdal, outstanding practitioners, they are men of integrity and heart. I recommend them without hesitation. They have actually tried to verdict power line fire cases. Ask the other lawyers who are soliciting clients in our community if they have done so. You will be surprised to learn that very few have.

If you or someone you know is considering options for legal representation for personal injury, damages to property or business loss and would be interested in learning more, please reach out to me. I would be happy to put you in touch with Michael and Tom or provide you with additional information about their experience or cases they've handled.

All the best,

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