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Hello, my name is Sarah Collins and I wanted to reach out to let you know of my concerns. We have been in a hotel for 5 months waiting for some of the clean up to be done so it would be safer to return to our home. Our house made it but has smoke damage. We are getting it cleaned by a professional company but our concern is the toxins in the air and water. There has been white dust on everything in our home even though we have Austin air purifiers on 24/7. Our home was built in 2004 so it's sealed pretty tight but the dust finds its way in. When we go back to Phoenix to water our plants we can smell a rancid odor in the air. Our noses and throats sting and get scratchy and our eyes itch. It also leaves a foul taste in our mouths. My 8 year old gets rashes if there too long. We all wear masks when in the burn scar but there's no way to really avoid it. The clean up is going SO slowly and I hardly ever see machines working. When they scrap the properties it kicks all those toxins into the air and I'm curious what is being done to test the air quality and the dust. Also, is the water being tested? The Mayor of Talent has don't a good job communicating but the it's been tough getting info from the City of Phoenix. Im from Paradise and have been through this before. I also have many friends who are now suffering from different forms of cancer since the Camp Fire. People of all ages. This worries me. People immediately returned home and there were no warnings about getting the surging homes tested. Soooo many folks are eagerly awaiting an organized flow of information and frequent updates but that hasn't been happening. Please help us stay safe as we re-enter the burn scar. Otherwise we will be in the news 2-3 years from now for completely different reasons. People will start to fall ill and die. Please don't let us be the new Paradise. I hope we are learning from their mistakes! Thank you for hearing me out.

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