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To Whom It May Concern:

I live on Camp Baker Rd., outside of Phoenix and 1/2 mile from one of the Alameda Fire "tentacles" that burned the Samuel Lane subdivision off Colver Rd. Luckily I didn't lose my small home, although I did lose my storage unit on Hwy. 99 and all contents, which were the other half of my life.

I have two concerns about the Fire, the first being no notification that the fire was raging through Talent and Phoenix. The only way I knew how to evacuate was a phone call from my daughter-in-law in Grants Pass who was watching the news. I voluntarily evacuated just before the mandatory order. There was no siren, no disaster horn, nothing. I had to stay elsewhere for a week when the all clear was given for our road.

The second concern I have is the residual dust and ash from the burn. 99% of the time since I returned home on 9/13 I have kept a very good Honeywell air purifier going 24/7. It has been necessary to change the filters every two weeks in the purifier, and in the heat pump unit inside my house. There was very little discussion on Facebook about the effects of the dust and ash until I posted my experience of having much more dust - white dust - in my house, sneezing a lot, 5-8x at a time; using my inhaler a lot more (I have COPD), I wheeze much more than normal, my eyes itch and burn, and my sinus are often like a faucet...these things have been happening for a couple of months.

...and I'm half a mile away. After my post a lot of people suddenly viewed it and commented, discussing their own issues and realizing they were probably dust/ash-related, with children having bloody noses, adults as well, headaches, etc.

My car dashboard and all flat surfaces in my house still get covered with white dusts, and I have to stay in the house a lot.

I'm running out of time here.....is there some way the county and/or state can provide air purifiers and filters for children and seniors?

Regards,

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