

## **SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATOR ON UTILITY LIABILITY**

Dear [**LEGISLATOR**],

As a wildfire survivor — and a registered voter — I'm watching you and your colleagues very closely to ensure you do not revoke my constitutionally protected rights under inverse condemnation or restrict my ability to recover what I have lost.

My family and I have lost [**describe**]. And as you know, without the right to seek fair compensation in a court of law — using all legal protections, including inverse condemnation — we cannot be made whole and we cannot afford to rebuild.

Please do not force us to suffer twice from the same tragedy.

I understand that investor-owned utilities like [**PG&E / SCE**] have substantial wealth, influence and power, including: (1) a virtual monopoly over 15 million customers, (2) eminent domain rights to take my land and property, and (3) guaranteed profits for Wall Street investors.

But as an ordinary citizen and California property owner, I also have rights that I need you to respect and maintain. Don't vote them away.

IOUs have eminent domain power to take our land and property, and they must shoulder the corresponding responsibility of inverse condemnation to fairly compensate fire victims for the losses that have resulted. To be fair, it must work both ways.

PG&E and other utilities want only the benefits, and not the responsibilities, that come with the monopoly and profit guarantee. They are seeking: (1) immunity from liability caused by the fires, (2) eliminating our inverse condemnation rights, which provide for fair compensation under constitutionally protected eminent domain principles, and, adding insult to injury, (3) the use of our taxpayer dollars to bail them out.

To be clear, I **OPPOSE** eliminating my right to recover against PG&E, including my right to maintain inverse condemnation liability for investor-owned utilities. Please do everything within your power to protect my rights, and those of all fire victims.

More than 8,000 families lost their homes in the Northern California fires. We will be watching.

Sincerely,

[VICTIM'S NAME]  
[ADDRESS]