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Living in Los Angeles has become more surreal than we've ever experienced. We live in the San Fernando Valley, and so far, our neighborhood has been spared from the devastation that has gripped communities just a few miles away. All of us here are profoundly grateful to the LAFD and the courageous fire crews from Canada and Mexico who are working tirelessly to bring this unfolding disaster under control. Their bravery, resilience, and sacrifices are the only reason hope remains amid the chaos.

Today marks the sixth day that Los Angeles has been burning—a relentless inferno fueled by the fierce Santa Ana winds and a landscape made vulnerable by scant rainfall. At least 24 lives have been lost, each one a tragedy that leaves ripples of grief, and an estimated \$150 billion in property damage has turned neighborhoods into ash-strewn wastelands.

Everyone who fled their homes did so with a desperate prayer in their hearts—that when they returned their house would still be standing. Yet, deep down they knew the harsh truth: the chances of returning to an intact home were minimal. Neighbors and friends from just down the street have been forever torn from their lives.

The emotional toll of this disaster is immeasurable and still unfolding. Families are grappling with unimaginable losses — the comfort of home, the familiar sight of their street, and the memories wrapped within four walls. Children have been uprooted from lifelong friends and familiar surroundings. They've lost the security of sleeping in their own beds, in rooms where they grew up, surrounded by keepsakes and memories.

For parents, the anguish of uncertainty weighs heavier than ash-laden skies. How do you reassure your children that things will get better when your own future feels like a question mark? How do you rebuild their sense of safety when the world they knew has turned to ash?

As we hold our loved ones close and take stock of what truly matters, we are reminded that this tragedy is not only about the homes lost but also about the bonds that remain. The fires have not just burned through landscapes—they've seared through the fabric of our lives. And yet, even in the darkness, stories of resilience and kindness emerge. Strangers have opened their homes to the displaced, and communities have rallied to gather resources for those who have lost everything.

We cannot control nature's fury, but we can choose how we respond to it. Now, more than ever, we must come together to support those who have been displaced and begin the long process of healing and rebuilding—not just homes but lives.

To everyone battling the flames on the front lines and those offering a helping hand to their neighbors: we see you, and we thank you.

We all expected Trump to be hostile to Californians. We have stood up to him and his desire for wealth and his abuse of power, calling out his lies time and time again. Warren Davidson, a Republican from Ohio is a different story. In order to kiss tRumps ring, and make the news, he says he will oppose federal aid until California changes their forest management.

People are fleeing for their lives and this pathetic excuse for a human tries blackmailing us. One of my favorite lines comes from a great movie, "A Knight's Tale."

" I will eviscerate you in fiction. Every pimple, every character flaw. I was naked for a day; you will be naked for eternity."

Warren so desperately desires his fifteen minutes so lets give it to him. What I would like to ask is for you to contact Warren, or any of his cohorts, and politely explain what a heartless individual Warren Davidson surely appears to be.

https://www.house.gov/representatives has all their contact information.

In tribute to such a pathetic individual, I have added a new subsection to my blog site, labeled <u>MAGA Vermin</u>.

Warren, you get the honor of being the first! I hope you enjoy how I turn my character Warren Heartless into pure MAGA Vermin!

BTW, the donation centers are filling up, some have already reached capacity. With or without Trump, we will build back better and stronger.

A real American Patriot!

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