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To whom it may concern,

I would like to provide this letter of endorsement for Recovering Oklahomans After Disaster and its Executive Director, Chad Detwiler.

We, at the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference, have a great connection to ROAD. It came out of the Disaster Response Ministry that OKUMC has provided for many years. They are now a trusted and valued partner; one we greatly rely on to continue our ministry. We are in frequent communication regarding survivors' recovery needs. ROAD's staff offers assessments of disaster damage as well as recommendations for needed repairs, volunteer management and project management. This helps us to plan for financial and volunteer assistance.

Beyond these capabilities, I have witnessed the relationships ROAD builds with survivors. Their commitment is to bring the most vulnerable back to recovery. This commitment is lived out with honesty and creativity, using their knowledge and experience, their many connections with other agencies, and their care for the survivor.

I also represent OKUMC's membership in Oklahoma VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). ROAD is also a member. Their staff is very active in OKVOAD's leadership. They are involved in many areas, including Volunteer Management, Long Term Recovery, Disaster Case Work, and Disaster Housing. Their work at this state level is invaluable for our combined effort.

I am not aware of any other state that has this unique offering for recovery. Rather than having to create a new team of people with each disaster, ROAD continuously provides a wealth of knowledge and experience built from their many years of service.

I hope you will take the time to look through their survivor stories. Each one is an inspiration from the disaster survivor and the teams of people connected with them to assist in many ways.

Yours truly,

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