

MEMORANDUM

To: Viterbi Community

From: Yannis C. Yortsos, Dean 

Date: January 8, 2025

Subject: Southern California Wildfires

I am reaching out to our Viterbi community to express our concern and steadfast support to all of you who may have been affected by last night's and continuing wildfires in the Southern California area today. These extraordinary events have brought significant amounts of destruction, affected many of our colleagues' well-being, and made us realize how important it is to keep our community strong in such challenging times.

I know that some of you have experienced significant property losses, that many have lived last night through unthinkable moments, and that much will remain to be determined as we go through this extraordinary event. This short note is to let you know that the Viterbi school will do whatever is possible to help in recovery, offer whatever support it can provide in these difficult times, and be a pillar of strength and community during these unprecedented times.

As in previous such emergencies, *we are all in this together*. Be safe and exercise the amount of caution and prudence needed. We will keep you posted as events unfold.

Cc: Provost Andrew Guzman

