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Based on the updated understanding of wildfire risk to our area, and Laguna Niguel receiving a "high" risk by Wildfirerisk.org, this proposed battery storage facility with a potential risk to ignite fires seems like mismanagement of land in a high population dense area. Wildfirerisk.org was created by the USDA Forest Service under the direction of Congress in the 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 1625, Section 210). The proposed facility sits in an area that has been identified by wildfirerisk.org as one with Direct Exposure where homes may be ignited by adjacent flammable vegetation, as well as indirect sources. They recommend reducing indirect fire exposure with land use planning, hazardous fuels management, encouraging using plans and regulations to best develop the community in a high wildfire prone area.

In addition, Cal Fire has updated the risk for the specific address and surrounding areas to be High Risk or Very High risk as of April 1, 2024. See website viewer at: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6a9cb66bb1824cd98756812af41292a0>.

Finally, as a parent with school age children, this facility is very near to multiple schools that support our community including Camino Capistrano High School, J Serra High School, and the Fairmont Schools and puts these children at risk in the event of a fire.

This facility puts our families, our homes, and our lives at risk as well as will increase the cost of living for thousands of families. While I agree that we have a need for clean energy, there needs to be a location identified that does not have such a broad health, property, and community financial impacts. There are alternatives out there that should be prioritized before considering this area and the negative impacts that it presents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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