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## **Opposition to Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in South Orange County**

Dear California Energy Commission,

I strongly oppose the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in our South Orange County community. This project poses significant risks that outweigh any potential benefits and threatens the safety, health, and well-being of our residents. The potential for catastrophic fires from lithium-ion battery systems is a major concern, especially in a region prone to wildfires. A BESS failure could release toxic fumes, polluting our air and water, and endangering families, children, and wildlife. These environmental and health hazards could have long-lasting impacts on our community. Additionally, the project risks lowering property values, disrupting the quality of life, and burdening local infrastructure. Our neighborhood deserves development that prioritizes safety and sustainability, not industrial facilities that introduce preventable dangers. I urge the California Energy Commission to reject this proposal and protect our community from the irreversible consequences of this project. Please consider safer, less invasive alternatives that align with our shared commitment to a healthy, thriving Orange County.

Sincerely,  
Oscar Cacatian