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Corby BESS Project

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Additionally, increased noise, traffic, and industrial activity can cause stress in our animals impacting their health. Our community's agricultural heritage and economy depend on a clean and safe environment. I urge you to prioritize the health of our residents, animals and farmland by halting development of this facility. We deserve to be able to live up to our city's name and keep it that way.

Sincerely,
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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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