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My family and I chose to move to Acton because of its rural character, quiet environment, and the sense of safety it provides. We wanted a place to raise our children where they could grow up surrounded by open space, natural beauty, and a close-knit community â€” not next to a sprawling industrial project.

The Prairie Song Reliability Project BESS would completely undermine the very reasons we chose this community:

1. Family Safety â€” We did not move here to live next to a facility that could burn, release toxic smoke, and threaten our health. Lithium Iron Phosphate batteries may sound safe on paper, but when they burn, they are dangerous, and no family should have to live with that risk in their backyard.
2. Fire Risk â€” We are already deeply aware of the dangers of living in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Adding a massive energy storage project here is irresponsible and frightening. We worry every fire season about keeping our family safe â€” this project would only magnify that fear.
3. Home and Security â€” This project will devalue our home, making it harder to sell and harder to insure. We invested in Acton to create stability for our family. Now that stability feels threatened by a project that doesnâ€™t belong in a rural community.
4. Rural Identity â€” Acton is not an industrial hub â€” it is a rural town where families like mine deliberately move for peace, safety, and space. Covering 70 acres with thousands of battery units would strip away the very essence of why we live here.
5. Community Impact â€” Itâ€™s not just my family â€” itâ€™s our neighbors too. Nearly 2,000 signatures already show how strongly Acton opposes this. We are united in saying: this is not what we want for our children, our homes, or our future.

Conclusion:

When we moved to Acton, we made a choice for our familyâ€™s well-being â€” safety, quiet, and community. This project would take that away. The Prairie Song Reliability Project BESS does not belong in Acton, and I ask the CEC to honor the voices of the people who live here and reject this project.