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Comments from Ruthie Brock

Back on February 29, 2024, the Congressional Science, Space and Technology committee held a hearing called-Examining the risk: the dangers of EV fires for first responders.

During this hearing expert testimony was heard from Dr. Judy Jeevarajan of UL Research Institute and Fire chief, Dan Munsey of San Bernardino County Fire.

Although the focus of this hearing was primarily risks to first responders from lithium ion EV fires, our former congressman, Mike Garcia (27th Congressional district) participated in the discussion and pivoted the focus to the proposed battery energy storage in ACTON.

The BESS he was speaking of was not the Prairie Song but another project previously approved by Los Angeles County Regional Planning in Aug. 2023 which is only one third the size of the enormous proposed Prairie Song. Regardless of which BESS he was referencing, his comments, and those of Chief Munsey applied to the Prairie Song as they address the non-suitability of the site in east Acton alongside critical infrastructure and among rural residential development.

Congressman Garcia begins his remarks at time marker 45:00.
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=d8I8AsN5suA>

Please do not allow this huge, risky and toxic industrial Prairie Song project to be built on agricultural zoned land amongst our rural homes, ranches, animal rescue and boarding facilities, and alongside critical State Route 14, and the Metro rail.

According to the Prairie Song BESS (formerly Angeleno) LGIA, this project was planned to be sited 24.4 miles from the Vincent Substation, yet the site is not even mentioned on their CEC application as an alternative site!

Wherever that site is that is 24.4 miles away, I am sure that it is a much safer location than in the VHFHSZ of Acton!