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Prairie Song in Acton is not safe

I am writing to express my opposition to the Prairie Song Reliability Project in east Acton. Building a massive battery energy storage system in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone makes no sense and puts our families and homes at unnecessary risk.

This project would cover 70 acres and hold over 2,000 battery containers, storing more than 1,150 million watts of energy. Concentrating that much energy storage in a rural, windy, high-fire-risk area is dangerous. Fires involving Lithium Iron Phosphate batteries release toxic smoke and are extremely difficult to contain. A single accident could have devastating consequences for residents and first responders.

In addition to safety, the project threatens the community itself. Property values will fall, homeowners will struggle to get or afford fire insurance, and many families may be forced to leave. Acton is a rural community by choice, and this industrial facility does not belong here.

For these reasons, I urge the California Energy Commission to reject the Prairie Song project. Please prioritize the safety of Acton residents and the preservation of our rural community.