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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Letter to the California Energy Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the community's concerns regarding the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project. I am writing to express my strong support for relocating the project from its current proposed site on prime agricultural land to the Lambie Industrial Park, a far more suitable and responsible location.

The Corby site, as currently proposed, poses serious and unnecessary risks to our community and violates the long-standing principles of land preservation in Solano County. Converting protected farmland for industrial energy storage is inconsistent with the intent of Measure T and the County's General Plan. Once this land is lost, it is lost forever.

Beyond land-use concerns, public safety must be a top priority. The Corby site is located dangerously close to homes, schools, and the heavily traveled I-80 corridor. A thermal-runaway incident at this site could result in toxic smoke exposure or freeway closures—events that would endanger residents and first responders. In contrast, the Lambie Industrial Park is already zoned for Manufacturing General use, aligns with the County's new BESS Ordinance, and is located away from residential areas. This makes it the clearly safer and more compatible location for such infrastructure.

Importantly, NextEra has confirmed that the Lambie Industrial Park is feasible for this project. Their stated objections—longer transmission lines or paperwork modifications—are minor logistical issues that do not outweigh the community's safety or the protection of our farmland. A short delay to make this transition is a small price to pay for a properly sited facility that will operate for decades.

I respectfully urge the Commission to instruct NextEra to relocate the Corby BESS Project to the Lambie Industrial Park. Doing so would demonstrate the CEC's commitment to responsible siting, agricultural preservation, and the protection of Solano County residents.

Thank you again for your leadership and for considering the community's voice on this critical matter.

Sincerely, Josh Parker Vacaville Resident