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No to building on farm land

Dear Commissioners,

We respectfully urge you to require the Applicant for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project to relocate their proposed facility. The project should be built at Lambie Industrial Park—the site best aligned with Solano County’s zoning laws, safety standards, and community values.

The Current Farmland Site is the Wrong Location

The Applicant’s reasons for keeping the project on farmland are not valid. Purchasing land or signing contracts before public review does not justify ignoring local planning principles or community safety.

Building a large industrial energy facility on farmland is wrong because:

It wastes protected farmland. Solano County’s General Plan and Measure T were created to safeguard agricultural land from industrial development. The Lambie Industrial Park already exists for projects like this.

It threatens public safety. The proposed site is near homes, a hospital, and the I-80 freeway—putting residents and commuters at unnecessary risk in the event of a fire or system failure.

It violates county intent. Solano County’s updated policies clearly state that BESS projects belong in industrial zones, not agricultural ones.

The Better Alternative: Lambie Industrial Park

Lambie Industrial Park is a proven, safer, and lawful alternative.

It’s zoned for industrial use, far from homes, and supported by the community. Moving the project there would preserve farmland, reduce risk, and eliminate most public opposition.

The Applicant admits this alternative could meet their operational needs. Their objections—like a slightly longer transmission line—are minor compared to the long-term safety, legal, and environmental benefits of siting the project correctly.

Our Request

Please do not allow the Applicant's private business decisions to dictate public outcomes.

We ask the Commission to:

Require a full, good-faith study of the Lambie Industrial Park alternative, and
Ensure the Corby BESS Project is located where it belongs—in an industrial area, not on productive farmland.

By making this change, you will uphold Solano County's values, protect residents, and ensure clean energy projects move forward responsibly.

Thank you for your time and leadership.