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Dear Commissioners,

As a deeply concerned Vacaville resident, I am writing to strongly urge the California Energy Commission to require NextEra to relocate the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project to the Lambie Industrial Park site.

The current proposed location is entirely unsuitable for an industrial-scale energy project of this magnitude. Building it on prime agricultural land places our community, environment, and public safety at unnecessary and unacceptable risk. This project would destroy productive farmland that has sustained our region for generations—directly contradicting Solano County's commitment to farmland preservation and the intent of Measure T. Converting this protected land to industrial use would set a dangerous precedent and cause irreversible harm to our agricultural heritage.

Equally concerning are the public safety hazards associated with large-scale battery storage. In the event of a thermal runaway or fire, the consequences could be catastrophic. The proposed site's proximity to homes, schools, and major transportation routes such as I-80 amplifies the potential danger to residents and first responders. By contrast, Lambie Industrial Park is a far more responsible and secure locationâ€"already zoned for industrial use, distanced from residential areas, and fully consistent with Solano County's updated BESS Ordinance.

NextEra has confirmed the feasibility of relocating to the Lambie site. Their objections regarding transmission line adjustments or minor delays are not valid reasons to compromise community safety or sacrifice farmland. The protection of lives, property, and agricultural resources must take precedence over corporate convenience or project timelines.

I respectfully urge the Commission to stand with the Vacaville community by directing NextEra to move the Corby BESS Project to Lambie Industrial Park—a location that is safer, properly zoned, and aligned with responsible energy development practices. Thank you for your time, attention, and dedication to ensuring that California's clean energy progress never comes at the cost of community safety, environmental integrity, or the future of our children.

Sincerely, Alexis McMahon Vacaville Resident