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## **Vacaville Residents Against Corby Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kimberly Nalette. My husband and I reside on Mills Lane in Vacaville and we are writing to express our concern regarding the application of Corby Energy to build BESS facilities in our city and county.

We understand that meeting energy demands is a challenge that we, as a society, must face. But we must do so in a responsible manner that supports safety and well being of the residents that are directly affected by placement of these facilities. These facilities will be around for years to come and should not be placed without thorough discussion of appropriate and safe locations for them to exist. Corby Energy is attempting to cram these projects down the throats of Vacaville residents, despite being told they are not wanted in our city with their current proposal.

As I'm sure you are aware, Solano County and Vacaville have placed moratorium on BESS facilities and have been working diligently to institute recommendations and requirements on SAFE locations for these facilities to be built. We ask that the CEC allow the time needed to establish these ordinances for the safety of the people who live and work here.

Why we urge the CEC to deny the Corby Energy BESS project:

### **LOCATION:**

Solano County has identified appropriate locations in industrial areas. This Corby project is not planned in one of those areas. The CEC should require Corby Energy to follow local guidance on where to build their facility. Financial reasons should not trump the safety of the residents who will have to see and hear these facilities running 24/7 as well as be put at risk to their dangers.

### **DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGY:**

Lithium Ion batteries - there is newer and safer technology being used. Why is this technology not being considered? Large installations can undergo "thermal runaway" as seen earlier this year at Moss Landing, requiring a 24 hour evacuation of 1200 residents.

Fires caused by thermal runaway, have proven to be difficult to extinguish. Do our local fire departments have the training and resources to extinguish these types of fires? In addition, many nearby homes are on well water. How will the groundwater be affected from fire suppression?

### **NOISE:**

Noise from cooling system fans will affect the quality of life of those nearby. One fan may not be a big deal, but with a system at this scale, the noise from fans can become a nuisance. My husband, in his mid 40s, already deals with hearing loss from his career. That was a choice he made and a risk he accepted when he went into the Air Force. It is NOT something that we choose or accept from a large scale BESS being built near our homes. At 300MW, the Corby project will be the 6th largest BESS in the state of California.

Corby Energy is simply concerned with their bottom dollar. They have attempted getting their project approved locally and have failed, because the residents of Vacaville do not want their technology in our backyard, without assuring that it is placed responsibly. We LIVE here. We WORK here. My husband and I moved to Vacaville from a crime ridden city because Vacaville is SAFE. Now, our safety is being threatened - but in a different way. Corby Energy will make their money and return to wherever they live and feel safe - leaving Vacaville and Solano County to fend for themselves.

Please, we ask that you reject Corby's application and allow our local government time to establish appropriate regulations for BESS in our city. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly & Bryan Nalette