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RE: Opposition to the Proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project (24-OPT-05)

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of 1181 Notre Dame, Vacaville I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed siting of the Corby Energy Storage System Project in Vacaville, on land currently owned by Corby Energy Storage LLC. I am respectfully asking the California Energy Commission to deny this project based on the following concerns:

- 1. Public Safety Risks:** The facility's proximity to residential areas and nearby Kaiser Permanente, a level II trauma center raises public safety concerns about the impact of fires, explosions, or toxic fume release from lithium-ion battery fires, which are difficult to extinguish and can release dangerous chemicals.
- 2. Agricultural & Environmental Impacts:** Building the facility on prime agricultural land in Solano County would result in the permanent loss of a valuable resource and negatively affect nearby farming operations. There is a risk of contamination from fires to irrigation canals and residential well water located nearby.
- 3. Transportation Impacts:** The project location near Interstate 80 poses a significant risk for closures and disruptions to transportation routes in the event of an emergency, which could have economic impact to the regional corridor.
- 4. Strain on Community Resources:** A fire at the proposed facility may heavily strain local emergency services, and may place unsustainable demands on local water resources. Additionally, costs may be passed to taxpayers for special equipment, emergency training, and post-fire environmental remediation.
- 5. Lack of Local Control and Community Benefit:** Solano County has an active moratorium on battery energy storage projects while developing regulations. The project's use of the AB205's "Opt-In" program is intended to circumvent local control. Additionally, NextEra has entered into a PPA with an out of area energy provider, eliminating energy discounts for the local residents and only adding risks.

The CEC should deny the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project permit, despite its proximity to the Vaca-Dixon Substation. Please deny this project and any other additional lithium-ion BESS proposed for Solano County. This is due to significant public safety risks, adverse agricultural and environmental impacts on prime Solano County farmland, potential transportation disruption, a strain on community resources, negligible community benefits, and the developer's attempt to circumvent local government oversight. Prioritizing the health, safety, environment, and agricultural heritage of Solano County, along with respecting local and community voices, must outweigh any financial incentives or cost-saving measures for the developer.

Sincerely,

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