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Vote NO on Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project

Dear California Energy Commission,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project located at the intersection of Kilkenny Road and Byrnes Road in Solano County. My family and I live directly across the ditch from the proposed site, and I am deeply concerned about the safety, environmental, and community impacts of this project.

While the developer claims that all safety and environmental protections will prevent harm, real-world experience shows that battery energy storage systems can and do fail. Thermal runaway, fire, toxic smoke, or chemical leaks have occurred at other sites across the country. Once construction is complete, this facility will be unstaffed, and monitoring will occur remotely from the state of Florida. No amount of remote technology can guarantee rapid or effective response in an emergency. For those of us who live only yards away, this is not an acceptable risk.

This land is productive agricultural property, once having rows of almond trees that supported local food production and wildlife. My family and many neighbors have long used this area for walking, horseback riding, and community activities. Converting it to an industrial energy site will permanently damage the landâ€™s agricultural value, fragment wildlife habitat, alter the local ecosystem, and devalue many homes.

I am particularly worried about soil and water contamination. A Solano Irrigation District ditch runs directly adjacent to the project area, supplying water to nearby fields and livestock. A single spill, fire runoff, or leak could contaminate that water â€“ threatening our crops, wells, and the health of residents, pets, and wildlife.

This is not just about property values or aesthetics â€“ it is about safety, health, and environmental justice. The risk of contamination or explosion would fall entirely on our local community, while the energy produced would largely benefit other regions. The people who stand to lose the most will gain nothing from this project.

My family has lived on this land for decades. My late grandfather built our home with his own hands and rode horses with us on this property his entire life. We have worked hard to maintain and preserve this land â€“ not to see it endangered by a high-risk industrial project next door.

I am not against renewable energy or storage technology. I fully understand the importance of sustainable energy, but projects like this must be safely sited â€“ away from homes, farmland, and water sources. This proposal fails that basic test.

For the sake of our communityâ€™s safety, the protection of our agricultural resources, and the preservation of our environment, I strongly urge you to reject the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Madison Cole