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Letter Opposing Corby BESS Project site on Kilkenny & Byrnes Rd

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Subject: Letter in opposition for Corby Battery Energy Storage System Site

My name is Annmarie Nielson, and I am a long-time homeowner in Solano County, living near the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System site. I want to raise a critical issue that has not been adequately addressed: the impact of this project on homeowners' insurance.

Across California, insurers are already retreating from high-risk areas. We've seen widespread non-renewals in wildfire zones, and premiums have risen sharply even without a direct incident. Now, imagine the effect of siting a large industrial 300-megawatt lithium-ion battery facility within this community. If there is a fire, explosion, or even a near-miss, insurers may classify the surrounding area as a high-risk zone. That could mean higher premiums, policy cancellations, or outright refusal to insure homes—not just for those adjacent to the site, but for entire neighborhoods. A Department of Insurance moratorium post event is not sufficient to protect property owners from an insurer's actions.

This is not speculation. Lithium-ion battery fires are notoriously difficult to extinguish and can release toxic chemicals. Solano County itself has acknowledged these risks. If our own county leaders recognize the danger, how can insurers not?

The socioeconomic consequences are profound. Many families in Vacaville and rural Solano are middle-class homeowners. For them, insurance is not optional—it is a condition of their mortgage. If coverage is canceled or becomes unaffordable, families could face foreclosure, declining property values, and financial instability. This would disproportionately harm working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and those who have invested their life savings into their homes.

Meanwhile, the developer bears none of this risk. The burden falls squarely on residents. We are being asked to subsidize corporate profit with our property values, our financial security, and our peace of mind.

I urge the Commission to fully address this matter. If the Corby project is approved, other BESS developments will follow within the same area. The cumulative effect of siting multiple projects in close proximity elevates this concern even higher.

Please do not transfer private risk onto the public.

Thank you,
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