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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Alexis McMahon, and I am writing to you not just as a resident of Solano County, but as someone who cares deeply about this community, our safety, and the future we are shaping for the families who live here. I have lived here for 25+ years and plan on raising my own family here. I am strongly opposed to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project because it attempts to bypass the local safety standards and zoning protections that were thoughtfully created by our County leaders to safeguard the people who call this place home.

What concerns me most is that this project is being advanced through a state-level “Opt-In” process that completely sidesteps the new Solano County BESS ordinance, a set of rules and safety measures created *specifically* to prevent high-risk industrial facilities from being placed near homes, farmland, and families. These protections weren’t created out of fear or opposition to renewable energy; they were created because real-world disasters have already happened, and our local officials acted responsibly to prevent those risks from being placed near existing neighborhoods.

The fact that the Corby Project is being sited on land the County has already determined is not appropriate for large-scale battery storage is extremely troubling. So is the possibility that it may not be required to follow the 300-foot residential safety setback that our County deemed critical to protecting people in the event of an emergency. For those of us who live here, these are not theoretical risks, they are worries that affect our daily peace of mind. We are the ones who would smell the smoke, hear the sirens, fear for our children, and face the unknown if something were to go wrong.

As residents, we rely on local government to protect us through clear, science-based rules that apply equally to everyone. It feels deeply unfair, and honestly disheartening to watch a developer attempt to sidestep those rules simply by shifting to a different decision-making body at the state level. Our community deserves respect, transparency, and the assurance that local safety standards are not something that can be worked around because they are inconvenient.

We are not asking for special treatment only for the protections already created for us to be honored. I respectfully ask that the Commission recognize and uphold Solano County’s safety standards and zoning decisions, and deny any project that is not able or willing to comply with them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alexis McMahon - concerned Vacaville resident