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## **Letter of Opposition - Follow Solano County Ordinance**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Olivia Ramirez and I am writing to express my opposition to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project. I grew up on Byrnes road near the proposed site, I have a deep connection to this property as I hope to raise my family here. My concerns are centered on the fact that Solano County has already established carefully crafted, community-specific safety standards that reflect the unique environmental, agricultural, and emergency response realities of our region. These protections were developed by the people who know our land, our risks, and our capabilities best and they should not be overridden.

Solano County spent more than two years developing its BESS ordinance with direct involvement from local fire officials, emergency response teams, technical experts, and environmental planners. These are the individuals and agencies who understand our terrain, water systems, high-wind corridors, rural road networks, and real emergency response times. Their standards, including those related to fire access, suppression requirements, equipment reviews, and safety setbacks were written based on local conditions, not theoretical models or statewide assumptions. Ignoring these standards not only disregards the work of our local experts, it puts the community at risk in the event of a fire, thermal runaway, or toxic smoke release. Additionally, Solano County's ordinance prohibits placing BESS facilities on prime agricultural land. This land is not replaceable, and it serves as the foundation of our local economy, food production, and cultural identity. Converting it into an industrial energy storage site contradicts the County's long-standing agricultural preservation goals and sends the wrong message about how we value our natural and economic resources.

Finally, the County ordinance includes critically important requirements related to long-term responsibility and accountability, including ensuring that battery manufacturers are responsible for end-of-life removal and recycling. Without this provision, the burden of hazardous disposal could fall on taxpayers, local landfills, or future generations. These details matter, and they reflect the community's commitment to responsible planning across the entire life cycle of a project, not just the profitable or operational years. Solano County did not prohibit BESS projects; it created a balanced, pro-clean-energy framework that ensures such facilities are placed in appropriate industrial zones, not near homes, farms, or schools. This is a model of responsible governance, not resistance to innovation.

Additionally, Solano County identified that the Corby proposal lacked the required demonstration of a net positive economic benefit, as required by the same state law being referenced for approval. Displacing productive agricultural land as a renewable economic asset presents serious long-term financial implications that cannot be outweighed by theoretical tax estimates or speculative benefits. Local control is community safety. We are not opposed to renewable energy, we are opposed to placing industrial-scale energy storage where it does not belong and was never permitted according to democratically established land-use law. The Solano County BESS ordinance applies to systems above 1,000 kWh, requires a 300-foot setback from sensitive receptors, protects agricultural zones, and mandates enhanced safety review of all essential, community-driven safeguards that must remain intact.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to uphold and enforce the standards and protections created by Solano County and to deny any project that does not fully comply with them. Local expertise, local safety, and local land-use laws must be valued and respected.

Thank you,  
Olivia Ramirez - Solano County Resident