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Letter Opposing Corby BESS Project site on Kilkenny & Byrnes Rd

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Macy Nielson, and I was born and raised on the property directly across the street from the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage Project. This isn't just where I live, this is my family's legacy, my childhood, and the place I always believed I would raise my own children. I am here to say, with complete conviction, that I **strongly oppose** this project because it puts my family, my neighbors, and my entire community in danger.

I did not grow up imagining my future across from an industrial lithium-ion hazard zone. I grew up surrounded by farmland, wildlife, fresh air, quiet nights, and the belief that our safety mattered. My parents worked their entire lives to build a home that could be passed down through generations, a place where we could live without fear, breathe without worry, and sleep without questioning what might explode, burn, or poison us on the other side of the road. All of that disappears the moment this facility is built.

Let's be honest: if this project was 500 feet from your home, your child's bedroom, or your family's well water source, you would not approve it either. No parent would. No homeowner would. No reasonable person would. This only looks acceptable from a map, an office, or a profit sheet not standing barefoot in the soil it threatens.

Lithium-ion battery failures are not rare. They are not hypothetical. They are not harmless. They explode, they burn uncontrollably, and they release toxic gases that no family should ever be forced to breathe. We have seen it happen in Moss Landing, Otay Mesa, Arizona, and multiple other facilities nationwide. Evacuations. Shelter-in-place orders. Toxic plumes. Weeks-long fires. That is the technology being placed across the street from where I sleep. And we all know that once soil, air, or groundwater is contaminated with lithium, cobalt, nickel, or other heavy metals, it is forever altered. You cannot scrub cancer-causing chemicals out of dirt. You cannot disinfect drinking water from industrial toxins. People don't recover from neurological damage or chronic respiratory illness because someone later says, "We're sorry, we didn't expect this."

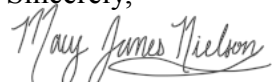
What terrifies me most is the unknown, because no one, not the developer, not the state, not a scientist can promise what 10, 20, or 30 years of exposure near this facility will mean for the children growing up here. Could it mean cancer? Infertility? Birth defects? Lung disease? You cannot guarantee it won't. And I refuse to sit quietly while my family becomes test subjects.

This project is proposed on agricultural land, right next to homes, schools, farms, and groundwater sources. It violates common sense, community values, and basic moral responsibility. If a facility is too risky for industrial zones without strict conditions, it absolutely does not belong next to homes and family farmland. I want you to take a moment and picture a mother laying awake at 3 a.m., wondering if she will hear sirens, alarms, or an explosion. Picture a child playing in a yard while toxic gas models are debated on paper. Picture families asking themselves whether it's safe to drink their own well water. This is the reality you would be creating if you approve this project. We deserve protection, not sacrifice. We deserve health, not risk assessment reports. We deserve a future, not a hazard zone.

I am pleading with you: Do not trade human lives, land, and health for corporate experiment or convenience. Once this facility is built, there is no undoing it. There is no guarantee, no restart button, no "oops, let's move it." Deny this project. Protect the people who actually live here. Do not turn our home into a hazard zone. Vacaville is not disposable, and neither are we.

Thank you for hearing the voice of one of the residents who stands to lose the most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Macy James Nielson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Macy Nielson - Lifelong Byrnes Road Resident and Neighbor to the Proposed Site