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Concerns Over Community Safety

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Vacaville to express strong opposition to the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System. While I support clean energy in principle, the location and nature of this project raises serious concerns and unacceptable risks to our community, especially given how close it sits to our homes, schools, and other sensitive areas.

1. Fire Risk/Thermal Runaway

Lithium batteries have a risk of overheating and entering a thermal runaway. This kind of fire would be hard to extinguish in an area that is already a fire risk. In addition, standard fire department procedures are not fully developed for large scale thermal runaway events. These are unique hazards that we are not fully prepared for.

2. Toxic Emissions

The flames from these potential fires can release hazardous gases that would greatly impact the air quality.

3. Proximity to Homes, Schools, Hospitals

The proposed facility is very close to residential neighborhoods, Kaiser Vacaville, and multiple schools. Residents may be forced to evacuate. Additionally, the value of the property in the area will surely decrease while insurance policies drastically increase.

4. Land Use

The project is set on former agricultural land. If this kind of develop is approved, the farm land will be lost to soil and water contamination.

We are a community, not a remote industrial zone. Our children go to school nearby. We have hospitals, homes, and vulnerable populations. We should not be allowing a high-risk facility so close to our community. Many residents feel that we are being asked to bear the burden of this risk while energy companies and distant grid users benefit.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will take these concerns seriously and put the well-being of Vacaville residents first.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Ye