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To the Members of the CEC. Please carefully consider my letter and our OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. You are the sole committee for determining if applications should be approved. Applications carefully drafted to make everything appear ideal. However, this is never the case. The locations proposed are not appropriate for this type of use. One incident would cause a significant global impact. Closing I-80 both directions for three days would completely cripple California. Closing Kaiser Hospital and evacuating patients another. Please consider DENYING the application. I am writing you again, to further voice our concerns and OPPOSITION to the proposed installation of BESS facilities and their environmental hazards and exposures. I speak with 40 years advanced training and experience working for Public Safety, Fire Service, with Hazardous Materials, conducting Construction review, code adherence, inspections and testing with the State of California. The experience I had with the last six (6) small alternate energy facilities which I provided oversight of were met with complete lack of cooperation by the Designer and Contractor. They refused to provide design plans, allow inspections, refused to provide equipment manufacturer installation, inspection and testing documents, would not conduct safety performance testing and when safety checks were finally performed three (3) substantially failed, placing lives at risk and none met the noise level requirements. We are residents and own property within sight of not one but two proposed BESS locations. I am extremely alarmed at the proposal to develop these locations with this type of inappropriate use. Developing BESS so close to residential and critical uses; occupied Residential, Major Interstates, College, Hospital, main Railroad line, Airport and Senior Housing communities is absolutely reckless and dangerous to life safety. When an incident occurs causing thermal "Fire" runaway the only recourse emergency responders can take is to evacuate and close areas for use. They have no ability to control or contain the toxic gases, fumes and carcinogenic particulants emitted into the air. The batteries have to burn out on there own. If an incident occurs ALL surrounding residential and critical uses would be mandatorily evacuated and roadways closed. This safety precaution will be displacing, crippling and unacceptable placing lives at undue risk. The locations proposed on Willow and Byrnes Roads are simply to close to already developed areas. Furthermore, the proposed locations are prime agricultural lands. Lands that helped build California, lands that help feed our Country, lands that will forever be lost to agricultural use, lands that should be protected with every means possible. These BESS facilities have been rushed and hurried through approvals to install and place into operation throughout the world and they have been failing in record numbers. Failing within the first 2 years of operation. These are FACTS that can not be ignored. California prides itself on environmental protection yet is ignoring the impacts from BESS. These facilities are bi-passing the County and City stringent review process, by qualified professionals in both Fire and Building, that are critical to code compliance and life safety. These facilities inherently have hazardous materials and

waste that are introduced into our Counties and should be regulated by CUPA. They create Noise pollution in excess levels of City, County and Acceptable Standards on a 24/7 basis. They negatively effect property values which owners have worked hard to increase. They provide no energy relief to County users. During construction the impacts of equipment and trucks will damage single lane residential roads, increase traffic, disrupt quiet country areas, displace wildlife and birds of prey, and elevate noise levels. They will not be employing Solano County residents or contractors. These will all be brought in from out of State or Southern California. Then you have the lack of independent third party oversight for code compliance, inspections and acceptance testing. The Contractors are allowed to "Self regulate". This is plain dangerous. But that is what happens when all City and County permit processes and code regulations are bypassed. The impacts these facilities will have from noise, leaching batteries to thermal "fires" runaway incidents are crippling to our environment. Soils will be contaminated including surrounding Prime Agricultural lands. Water will be contaminated by run off into irrigation canals and leaching into ground waters. Waters that most properties, including the City of Vacaville, use from wells. Normal operations of these facilities generate heat and there are documented noticeable increases in the ambient air temperatures surrounding these BESS sites. The constant noise from the equipment will permeate surrounding areas impacting quality of life for humans, animals and wildlife. These facilities are not attended. They are remotely monitored which could be done out of State. It could take 4-6 hours to have any knowledgeable representative respond to the site. They should be mandated to have a knowledgeable runner service on any site within 30 minutes. When an incident occurs plumes of toxic smoke, gases and vapors will be emitted into our sky's contaminating surrounding areas for miles which could continue for 3 weeks or 3 months causing significant environmental damages. These environmental contaminants can not be mitigated. Until the incident is completely under control evacuations and closures will remain in effect. It is critical that these BESS facilities be located in industrial areas, far away from populated areas, to reduce the potential impacts to life safety and commerce. History has already shown us that there are inherent hazards associated with these BESS sites which should not be ignored. Please DENY their application and send them back to the drawing board to find different locations. These properties are not appropriate for this use. WE ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL.