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## **No Lithium Ion BESS in Solano County**

Dear Commissioners,

I am petitioning that Corby BESS (and any lithium ion battery energy storage) be placed at least 1 mile, requesting 3 miles personally, away from agricultural zoning and working land, homes, businesses, schools and water sources including ground water, rivers, reservoirs, wells and aquifers. My understanding that a much more suitable location is zoned for BESS and available at Lambie Industrial Park.

Please hear the cries of your people, the local moratorium and ordinances and the City Council's first and second rulings! Please only approve safer technology.

My other concern is once the company pulls out or if they do who does the clean-up, finances, labor, logistics?

If allowed on land close to residential please consider the erosion and "decay" process of the equipment and storage. Please look at the details of the Moss Landing fire.

Homeowners have gotten sick, had to clean their own house/property, told to use PPE and not stir anything up.

My concerns are:

Health and Safety-longterm and during construction, Ag effect: the health and safety of food sources from livestock/crops/orchards, soil and water qualities comparing pre and post will certainly be a major factor. Abandoned sites and all the safety issues they will leave us to handle.

Air Quality and Facility Design-My concern is not only for times of a fire, but a constant concern when benign types of battery storage are already available. As listed above about Moss Landing, smoke went for miles and people had symptoms and have symptoms still. This is strange from a state with Spare the Air that we wouldn't use fire safe systems.

Geological effects-Disruption of soil and bedrock can cause issues so have studies been run in that area. The property right across the street as mentioned in the meeting is the Kilkenny Ranch over 100 years old. There must be certain paleontological interest in this area.

Hazardous Materials-As mentioned above, other safe battery storage is available. When Menard wanted to come in, by their own words after 20 years the site was ours, they leave everything behind. At what cost and what risk do we allow these companies to leave toxic materials to leech into ground and water and prime Ag land?

Land Use-Prime Ag land should be used for exactly that. Solano County produces food that not only feeds our community, but the Country. I believe CA exports produce also. What a hit to our people, our farmers/ranchers, our agricultural economy, our Country.

Noise and Vibration-The noise from these facilities is loud! Cities have been changing public lighting out to give wildlife a normal sleep cycle again for years. Not only will this system in this location hinder wildlife and cause foul confusion and effecting their habitats, it will cause distress to people. What about distress to cattle? The hum never stops, why cause emotional and physical distress to your citizens?

Public Health- It is not healthy for any of us. Move these out to industrial areas away from hospitals, schools, homes, farms. I wonder if any studies have been done on the effects to livestock. Cattle is a huge part of our agricultural makeup here in Solano County. If there is a fire and our Firefighters have to let it burn out yet keep it from spreading they are at an extreme risk for public health risks.

Soil and Water-There are few commodities more precious in CA than soil and water especially on prime Ag land. Once the water table has been tainted what can be done to make it safe again? Why would we as a state risk such a precious resource when other technology that leaves those untouched is available? Almost everyone out in the country areas and near these proposed locations use well water. So that's a concern

Traffic and Transportation-We can't afford the type of damage that will be caused on these small backroads. How will they be maintained and repaired and who has to pay for that?

The increased traffic, lack of alternative routes makes safety a concern and an inconvenience.

Worker Safety and Fire Protection-Of course this is a concern. Vacaville was not prepared in 2020 and yes it was a huge and fast moving fire, but why put in a system that has such a high fire risk. A high potential to be an issue even with new systems, lithium ion is not the right choice for us. Our own Firefighters Union wrote a letter against this. I don't think there were complaints about the trades union workers who said they would have safe job sites and work. Their work is not the problem, even when everything is installed properly the system is the problem.

Compliance-Please hear the people, do not let these companies through on a loophole finding. Hold to local government and the people of the city. I hear there is pressure for them to overturn decisions, but please hear the people. We are not against energy storage, we just want safe systems, no toxic materials and appropriate locations away from people!

Waste Management-How are these systems maintained, is waste is a continual issue? When do these materials breakdown and at what rate? Who takes care of the site cleanup after a fire, after decommissioning, after a company possible claims bankruptcy?

Efficiency-How long is this lithium ion battery energy storage efficient compared to iron

flow or something without so many strikes against it?

Alternatives-They are already available!!! Please deny Lithium Ion Battery Storage in our county.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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Our family of three concurs with these statements.