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Opposition to the Proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Battery Energy Storage System Project. I am a professional in the field of environmental regulatory compliance and safety management, and based on my experience, I believe the proposed location poses serious, detrimental and unacceptable risks to public health, safety, and the environment.

Large scale battery storage involves significant quantities of hazardous materials, posing a fire hazard, and toxic release risks. The consequences of a failure event can amount to hazardous waste releases harmful to public health. Additionally, the proposed site, situated near residences, agricultural lands, and rural properties does not provide adequate buffer zones or sufficient emergency response capacity to protect the surrounding communities.

Battery fires emit hazardous air pollutants such as hydrogen fluoride, particulate matter, and volatile organic compounds. These emissions pose acute and chronic health risks to the public. Furthermore, in the event of a fire or release, surrounding homes, agricultural workers, and nearby sensitive receptors would be directly impacted by toxic smoke and degraded air quality.

The project area includes and is adjacent to active farmland, wildlife habitat, and rural open space. Siting an industrial energy facility in this setting threatens biological resources through habitat disruption, noise, lighting, and potential contamination of soil and water. In addition, local agricultural operations depend on clean water, uncontaminated soil, and stable ecological conditions. A facility of this type is incompatible with the surrounding agricultural land uses and biological resources.

When accounting for manufacturing, construction, and end-of-life management, the project may generate a net increase in greenhouse-gas emissions without sufficient mitigation.

Construction and ongoing operations would add heavy-truck traffic to rural roads and major highways, creating safety issues, disrupting farm operations, and complicating emergency response.

After reviewing the available information and applying my professional expertise in environmental compliance and safety management, it is clear that this project poses substantial and unacceptable risks to public health, environmental quality, agricultural integrity, and community safety.

The proposed locationâ€"near homes, farmland, and major highwaysâ€"is fundamentally unsuitable for a high-hazard industrial energy facility. I respectfully urge the reviewing agencies to deny approval of the project or require the proponent to pursue an alternative site that is properly zoned, adequately buffered, and capable of safely supporting this type of operation.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these concerns.