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## **Congressman Mike Thompson Corby Project Letter**

Attached document from Congressman Mike Thompson of California's Fourth Congressional District. Please contact Congressman Thompson's Solano County Field Representative William Duncan at (202) 577-1804 if needed.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

The Honorable David Hochschild  
Chair  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Hochschild:

I strongly support renewable energy and battery energy storage systems (BESS) for grid reliability, but I oppose the Corby Project (24-OPT-05). My commitment to local health, safety, environment, and economy requires this approach. Solano County's new BESS ordinance is the right path—enabling viable projects while protecting communities. The Corby Project does not comply.

My key concerns include the developer's California Energy Commission (CEC) application bypassing Solano County's established process, undermining local governance. After nearly two years of expert study, the County adopted an ordinance restricting BESS to industrial zones for safety and appropriate siting. The Corby site—an agricultural zone near homes, a hospital, and I-80—is expressly prohibited. Large-scale lithium-ion BESS carry “thermal runaway” and toxic smoke hazards, threatening residents and straining first responders. I have also heard concerns about locating this project on 40 acres of prime farmland.

I urge the CEC to honor the unified community voice and Solano County's authority. I formally request denial of the Corby permit to protect public safety, the environment, and our agricultural heritage while upholding local control. Thank you for your attention to these critical concerns.

Sincerely,



Mike Thompson  
Member of Congress