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Vacaville Lithium Ion Battery Facilities

Good afternoon. My name is Jason Hatcher. I devoted my life to helping the public by working as an ICU and ER RN. I worked as a travel nurse across the country including in Maui. My wife and I settled in Vacaville, CA and now have two children, currently 3 and 4 years old. We want a safe and healthy environment to raise our family in. My wife and I are both nurses, helping to support our community and business owners. The placement of lithium ion battery storage facilities in Vacaville greatly impacts that safety. We fear we may have to move if these current plans continue.

There is a known risk factor for lithium ion battery facilities including risk of fire, pollution of air and water supplies, risk for personal health impacts, lowered property values and risk of higher home insurance prices. The development of battery storage is vital to our current grid, but there are safer alternatives to lithium ion batteries and more importantly, there are safer locations for these facilities.

The current proposals place multiple facilities in Vacaville, near schools, hospitals and next to existing neighborhoods. Vacaville is known for being hot and windy and that alone should be a primary consideration for these highly flammable batteries. These facilities bring a high level of risk to a high risk environment. If the current proposal continues and California decides they choose profit over people, we too shall leave, taking our family and taxes outside of California.

Please don't let Vacaville turn in to the next Moss Landing. Thank you for your time and consideration.