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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Melayna Carino, I am from Solano County and I am deeply concerned about the Corby BESS proposal. I'm urging you to reject this project because its location places our community in a dangerous and completely avoidable situation.

This battery facility is simply too close to homes, active farmland, Interstate 80, and the hospital. Even with LFP chemistry, these systems can still fail and each container holds nearly 57,000 pounds of hazardous materials. One container fire could send a toxic plume across nearby neighborhoods or trigger shelter-in-place orders. The hydrogen gas produced in LFP fires also raises the chance of an explosion, something no family should have to worry about.

There are major unanswered questions about emergency response. How will people be warned fast enough when fumes can spread in minutes? Who will pay to clean contaminated soil, wells, crops, or homes if toxic materials travel beyond the project site? Without an independently managed cleanup fund, these costs will inevitably fall on residents and local agencies.

This project also permanently removes 40 acres of prime agricultural land, and a fire could jeopardize surrounding crops and livestock. Meanwhile, the energy produced doesn't benefit our community yet we're the ones absorbing the risk, property value loss, and potential long-term environmental damage.

It's clear this site was chosen because it's convenient for the developer, not because it's safe for the community. Public safety and responsible land use must come first.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to deny the Corby BESS project at this location.

Sincerely, Melayna Carino