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## **Corby Project Opposition**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed facility planned in Vacaville. While I support renewable energy and responsible infrastructure development, the placement of this facility so close to homes raises serious concerns that have not been adequately addressed.

### **1. Safety Risks**

BESS facilities present documented risks related to thermal runaway, fires, and toxic gas release in the event of system failure. These incidents are severe and difficult for local fire departments to manage. Placing such a facility adjacent to homes, schools, and public spaces unnecessarily exposes residents—especially children and seniors—to potential harm.

### **2. Inadequate Emergency Preparedness**

Our community's emergency response resources are not currently equipped to handle large-scale lithium-ion or alternative battery fires, which require specialized approaches and can burn for extended periods. Until there is a clear, well-funded, and publicly vetted plan for emergency response, siting this facility near residential properties is irresponsible.

### **3. Environmental and Health Concerns**

Potential off-gassing, noise pollution from cooling systems, and chemical contamination from a malfunction pose long-term risks to air quality, soil, and water. These environmental concerns conflict with the health and welfare expectations of those living nearby.

### **4. Impact on Property Values and Quality of Life**

Homeowners stand to face significant property value reductions due to proximity to an industrial energy storage site. The presence of high-security fencing, industrial noise, and the perception of danger all undermine the character and livability of our neighborhood.

### **5. Better Alternative Locations Exist**

Energy storage is important, but there are more appropriate zones—commercial, industrial, or otherwise isolated—that could accommodate this facility without exposing residents to avoidable risks. The decision to site the BESS next to homes seems based on convenience rather than community safety.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Board reject the current proposal and require the developer to pursue a safer, more suitable location. Our community should not serve as a testing ground for industrial projects that pose known risks, especially when safer alternatives exist.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I urge you to prioritize public safety, transparency, and responsible planning in your decision.