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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Vacaville, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed siting of the Corby Energy Storage System Project in Vacaville, on land currently owned

by Corby Energy Storage LLC. I am respectfully asking the California Energy Commission to deny

this project based on the following concerns:

1. Public Safety Risks: The facility's proximity to residential areas and nearby Kaiser Permanente, a

level II trauma center raises public safety concerns about the impact of fires, explosions, or toxic fume

release from lithium-ion battery fires, which are difficult to extinguish and can release dangerous chemicals.

2. Agricultural & Environmental Impacts: Building the facility on prime agricultural land in Solano

County would result in the permanent loss of a valuable resource and negatively affect nearby

farming operations. There is a risk of contamination from fires to irrigation canals and residential well

water located nearby.

3. Transportation Impacts: The project location near Interstate 80 poses a significant risk for

closures and disruptions to transportation routes in the event of an emergency, which could have

economic impact to the regional corridor.

4. Strain on Community Resources: A fire at the proposed facility may heavily strain local

emergency services, and may place unsustainable demands on local water resources. Additionally,

costs may be passed to taxpayers for special equipment, emergency training, and post-fire

environmental remediation.

5. Lack of Local Control and Community Benefit: Solano County has an active moratorium on

battery energy storage projects while developing regulations. The project's use of the AB205's "Opt-In"

program is intended to circumvent local control. Additionally, NextEra has entered into a PPA with an out

of area energy provider, eliminating energy discounts for the local residents and only adding risks.

The CEC should deny the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project permit, despite its

proximity to the Vaca-Dixon Substation. Please deny this project and any other additional lithium-

ion BESS proposed for Solano County. This is due to significant public safety risks, adverse

agricultural and environmental impacts on prime Solano County farmland, potential transportation

disruption, a strain on community resources, negligible community benefits, and the developer's

attempt to circumvent local government oversight. Prioritizing the health, safety, environment, and

agricultural heritage of Solano County, along with respecting local and community voices, must

outweigh any financial incentives or cost-saving measures for the developer.

Sincerely,

Norman Gorton