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Opposition to the Proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project (24-OPT-05)

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Vacaville, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed siting of the Vaca Dixon Power Center Project, which proposes development of a 157-megawatt battery energy storage facility on approximately 10 acres in Vacaville, California. The project would install two large battery systems along with supporting electrical infrastructure, fencing, lighting, and grid interconnection equipment, expanding the industrial footprint in the area.

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. This is yet another project's use of the AB205's "Opt-In" program intended to circumvent local control.

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,
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