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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Keep Vacaville Safe is a community advocacy group representing more than 1,500 local residents. While we support the advancement of energy storage technology, we firmly oppose the placement of high-capacity battery system in areas where “thermal runaway” could jeopardize public safety or the environment.

Our organization has consistently voiced opposition to the **Corby Project (Docket 24-OPT-05)** due to its proximity to residential area, working agricultural spaces, HWY 80 and proximity to a major hospital.

We hold the same safety concerns for **Vaca Dixon Power Center (26-OPT-01)**. Our position is reflected in a signed petition from local resident, which requests the denial of the Corby project and any other similar project in the area.

Please accept the attached letters as **formal public comments** in **opposition to:**

- **Corby Project (Docket 24-OPT-05)**
- **Vaca Dixon Power Center (26-OPT-01)**

Sincerely,



Dee Cole

Keep Vacaville Safe

California Energy Commission

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Sincerely, Name: Doreen Funk Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely, Name: Sharon Poirier

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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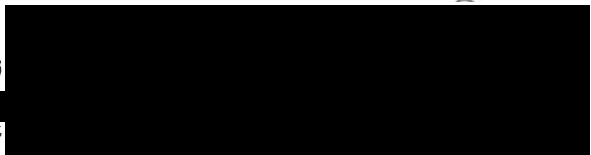
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