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RE Formal Opposition to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Projecta

California Energy Commission
RE: Opposition to Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project “ Docket No. 24-OPT-05

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of north village in vacaville, and I strongly oppose approval of the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project in Vacaville. I urge the California Energy Commission to deny this application because the proposed location presents unnecessary risks to our community.

My primary concerns include:

- * **Public Safety:** A large lithium-ion battery facility located near homes and Kaiser Permanente Vacaville Medical Center creates serious concerns regarding battery fires, thermal runaway, explosions, toxic emissions, and emergency evacuations.
- * **Agriculture and Water:** The project would convert valuable Solano County agricultural land to industrial use. A fire or hazardous-material incident could also threaten nearby farmland, irrigation systems, groundwater, and residential wells.
- * **Interstate 80:** Because the facility would be located near I-80, a major emergency could result in highway closures, traffic disruption, and interference with regional transportation and emergency access.
- * **Emergency Resources:** A significant battery fire could require specialized equipment, extensive firefighter training, hazardous-material response, and environmental cleanup. Local agencies and taxpayers should not be expected to absorb these additional costs and risks.
- * **Local Authority:** Solano County has taken steps to evaluate and regulate battery storage projects locally. The state approval process should not be used to disregard legitimate concerns raised by the County and the residents who will live with the consequences of this project.

The benefits of placing this facility at this particular location do not justify the risks imposed on the surrounding community. Proximity to the Vaca-Dixon Substation should not take priority over public safety, agricultural preservation, environmental protection, and responsible land-use planning.

I respectfully ask the California Energy Commission to deny the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project (24-OPT-05) and give meaningful consideration to the concerns of Solano County residents.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Apodaca