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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



August 27, 2026

California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project – SUPPORT

Dear Members of the California Energy Commission,

On behalf of the Bay Area Council, representing more than 370 of the region's largest employers, I am writing in support of Solano County's Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, which ensures Californians are supported by reliable, clean, and affordable energy as we transition to a fully decarbonized economy.

For 80 years, the Bay Area Council has engaged business and civic-minded leaders to solve the most challenging regional issues to ensure the Bay Area is the most innovative, sustainable, inclusive, and globally competitive region for everyone who lives here.

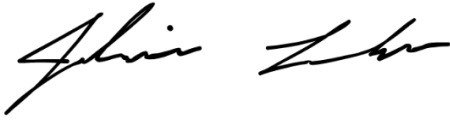
The Corby project has undergone the permitting processes outlined by AB 205 (2022), and a recent staff report from the CEC has recognized the project's compliance with all necessary laws, ordinances, and regulations. Since its inception, AB 205 has allowed California to quickly develop and deploy the renewable energy technologies we need to achieve our ambitious climate goals.

Projects like Corby bring immense local economic benefits to the communities in which they are housed. Battery energy storage projects support good-paying jobs in construction and a variety of trades while laying the groundwork for long-term community investment. Once the projects are active, they generate tax revenue to support essential public services and boost local economic growth.

Finally, battery energy storage projects are safer and more regulated than ever before. Every project must meet California Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association Standards and have a local response plan in place. Facilities are regularly inspected and constantly monitored by trained personnel who are ready to respond in the rare case of an emergency.

It is for these reasons that the Bay Area Council is pleased to support the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this position, please contact Julian Lake, Senior Policy Director, Climate and Energy at jlake@bayareacouncil.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Lake', with a stylized, cursive script.

Julian Lake

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CC: Chair David Hochschild, Vice Chair Gunda, Commissioner Gallardo, Commissioner McAllister, Commissioner Skinner

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