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This is our home, No to Corby

I am a fifth-generation farmer on Fox Road which places me 2.5 miles from the site proposed.

Five generations of my family have lived and worked this land.

My children are the sixth.

I am in opposition of the site proposed for this project.

Before I begin, I'd like to address the mayors comment earlier this evening at the meeting held at Ulatis Community Center - he said something along the lines of - through your optics it looks as if there's one residence near by - as someone who has thoroughly been through that specific area- I can confirm there are more than several residences nearby.

And with your alternative site- you conveyed that the impacts are the same- I beg to differ.

Your alternatives analysis needs to compare the actual number and proximity of sensitive receptors - I'm sorry- FAMILIES- surrounding proposed Corby site vs those surrounding the Lambie site. If safety is truly at the forefront, show this community that comparison. How many residences are within one mile, two miles and three miles of each site?

From your own filings, Corby is being preferred because a 1.1-mile gen-tie is easier and cheaper for the applicant than a 14-mile gen-tie. - to which many have said their may be alternatives for.

If safety is truly at the forefront, convenience to the developer should not outweigh distance from sensitive receptors such as loyal, agriculture centered families that surround this area.

Your inconvenience does not justify you placing hundreds and thousands of Dixon and Vacaville residents at risk.

You told us that safety and reliability are at the forefront and that there is "no substantial risk."

But your own presentation tells a more complicated story.

You told us BESS fires "usually" involve one container.

Usually is not always- and even one would be devastating for our HOME.

You told us containerization "helps minimize" propagation of a fallout. Minimize does not mean eliminate.

You have made risk estimates. They are not guarantees and you can not make guarantees.

And your own conditions require real-time air monitoring, emergency notification, and soil and water testing after an incident.

If there is no substantial risk, as you put it, why are you testing our air, soil, and water when something goes wrong?

Those implications are meant to be used. So we do have something in common- we are both severely worried about the fallout from this project.

And then weâ€™re shown millions of dollars in economic benefits and a \$500,000 community-benefits agreement.

Economic benefit does not equal environmental suitability or justify unsuitable placement.

Money doesnâ€™t move risk away from many many families.

Money doesnâ€™t protect groundwater.

Money doesnâ€™t restore agricultural land.

Money does not save my children from a life time of poor health , sterilization or cancer.

So how much are my children worth?

How much is our health worth?

How much are the residents of Dixon or Vacavilleâ€™s health worth?

I am not opposed to energy storage.

I am opposed to putting it in the wrong place.

You cannot eliminate every variable. You cannot guarantee every outcome.

But you CAN control one variable:

DISTANCE.

Put industrial infrastructure on industrial land -our farmers and agricultural are already fleeing in California . Do not take important agriculture land and put good people at risk- families- children- in one motion.

Itâ€™s not a question of who will pay the price of a fallout- I know who will. And itâ€™s not a price that any amount of money can soothe.

My children , my grandchildren, will pay the price of their health or life WHEN there is a fallout.

Low probability does not erase consequence.

And my family is your consequence.

I did not hear anyone say tonight at the meeting - simply donâ€™t do it - I have heard

â€œnot hereâ€.

Do not approve Corby here. We will not quit. This is our life.