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Congressman Mike Thompson Corby Project Letter

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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The Honorable David Hochschild
Chair
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Re: Public Comment on Staff Assessment / DEIR - Corby BESS Project (Docket No. 24-OPT-05)

Dear Chair Hochschild:

I am writing to bring your attention to concerns raised by my constituents regarding the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project (Docket No. 24-OPT-05) in Solano County. I appreciate California's continued commitment to expanding renewable energy and battery storage capacity to support grid reliability. At the same time, I believe these projects should be carefully sited to account for public safety, agricultural land, and the concerns of surrounding communities.

I am told the proposed project would be located on approximately 40 acres of agricultural land in an area where local policies have prioritized the preservation of farmland and directed intensive non-agricultural development toward industrial areas.

As the Representative for Solano County, I have heard from constituents, including the Keep Vacaville Safe coalition, who support expanding energy storage but have raised concerns about the proposed location. These concerns include consistency with Measure T, Solano County's General Plan, and the County's recently adopted BESS ordinance, which directs battery storage facilities to industrial areas to address safety and land-use concerns, including potential risks associated with thermal runaway, toxic smoke, and noise near homes, medical facilities, and Interstate 80.

I understand that the California Energy Commission's Draft Environmental Impact Report is currently undergoing public review. Under CEQA, the Commission is required to consider feasible alternatives that could reduce a project's environmental and land-use impacts. I respectfully request that the CEC give full and fair consideration to the coalition's request that the Lambie Industrial Park be considered as an alternative location. Relocating the project to an established industrial area would allow California to continue pursuing its clean energy and grid

reliability goals while better aligning the project with local land-use policies and addressing concerns raised by the host community.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Woodland office at (530) 753-5301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress