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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a homeowner here in Mountain House and I cannot even begin to express my opposition to the construction of the Mariposa Power Plant. I am very concerned over the air quality/health concerns, hazardous material waste, water contamination, property value loss, view obstruction, and the fear that this will open the door to "other" plants being built.

My family purchased our home here because of the quality of life that was available, and the health and safety provided by living adjacent to preserved Alameda County land. We moved here so that we could be outdoors biking, running, playing in our parks, enjoying the outdoors and everything that nature has to offer. Now our health and safety could be compromised because you want to build a power plant less than 3 miles from our front door.

The health and safety risks for our children is our number one concern, but along with these concerns, we are also worried about our property value declines. We have already experienced a significant financial hit with the economic downturn and cannot afford to lose any more value in the homes that are already undervalued. The prices of homes in our area are slowly making a recovery, but the construction of a fossil fuel burning plant so close to our community will surely crush that progress.

We don't want to leave our home in Mountain House, it is the place that I think of when I think about "if I could live anywhere, where would it be." I love this community. The people are amazing. This is the nicest community of people that I have met since moving from the Midwest, 27 years ago. This is the community that sticks together. When a community member has endured an unfortunate accident or illness, the community all bands together to help. It doesn't matter if we know them personally, we are all members of our beloved community and we do for each other. It would be criminal to destroy that by adding a power plant to the area. Especially because we don't need this plant.

I really hope that the commission listens to the Mountain House community and understands and cares about the negative impact that this plant could have on one of the greatest.

Can you honestly say to yourself that you would live here and raise your young family here after the power plant was built? If you can't honestly answer yes to that, then I ask you to think of us and our families and not allow this to go forward. PLEASE!

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