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Proposed Battery Energy Storage System Near Our Neighborhood

I am writing to express my concern about a proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) planned to be built next to our neighborhood, across the freeway on the Saddleback Church property. This facility will store large Lithium Batteries, which are used to store power.

Given that our neighborhood is normally downwind from coastal breezes, if a fire were to break out at this facility, the smoke produced could be highly toxic, potentially forcing us to evacuate our homes. Just last month in San Diego, a fire at a similar facility burned for over six days, causing significant concern about the release of toxic fumes. This could directly impact our neighborhood.

Although this facility is not within the Mission Viejo city limits, its proximity poses a serious risk to our community. I strongly urge you to consider the potential hazards and advocate against this project to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

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