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## **Outrage regarding the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project**

I am writing with outrage regarding the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project, a blatant attempt by a French company to prioritize profit over the health and safety of our entire community. This monstrous project, consisting of 1,100 galvanized steel containers filled with potentially explosive lithium batteries, threatens to turn our peaceful region into a ticking time bomb.

The audacity of this company to even consider placing such a health hazard near our homes, the pristine ocean and beaches enjoyed by Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, and countless others, is appalling. Imagine the horror of a fire or explosion spewing toxic fumes into the air we breathe – a constant threat to not only our families, especially vulnerable children, but also the impeccable wildlife inhabiting our ocean and surrounding communities.

This project isn't just a health risk; it's a direct attack on our property values and the very essence of our coastal lifestyle. Who would want to raise a family, invest in a home, or vacation in a paradise threatened by a potential environmental disaster? The charm and serenity of San Juan Capistrano, a historic gem, and the beauty of Laguna Beach would be obliterated by the presence of this industrial monstrosity at its gateway.

Compass Energy has no right to push their corporate greed onto our communities. We deserve the right to live in a safe environment, breathe clean air, and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us, from the vibrant ocean life to the diverse wildlife. They need to understand this isn't just about profit; it's about the well-being of our families, the future of our children, and the preservation of our environment.

The CEC must act decisively to protect our entire region.

Reject the permit outright. Don't allow this project to proceed even a single step further. Demand a comprehensive environmental impact assessment. We need to understand the full extent of the health and safety risks this project poses to both residents and wildlife.

Force them to explore alternative locations far away from our homes, natural treasures, and historic landmarks. This technology shouldn't come at the expense of our well-being and the delicate ecosystem we cherish.

We, the residents of the greater Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano area, will not stand idly by while a corporation tramples on our right to a healthy and safe environment. We urge you to stand with us and reject the Compass Energy Storage Project once and for all!