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Battery Energy Storage System in our neighborhood

Dear California Energy Commission,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System in our neighborhood. While I appreciate the importance of renewable energy solutions, I believe that the potential risks associated with this project could significantly impact the wellbeing of our community.

As a parent, my foremost concern is the safety and health of my children. There has been limited research on the long-term effects of such systems on residential areas, particularly regarding possible exposure to hazardous materials and electromagnetic fields. I worry about the implications this could have on their development and daily activities.

Additionally, I am concerned about the impact on our livestock. Many families in our neighborhood rely on animals for their livelihood, and any adverse effects on their health or behavior due to the presence of a storage system could have serious economic consequences.

Furthermore, the potential for contamination of our well water is alarming. Clean drinking water is a fundamental necessity, and any risks to our water supply must be taken seriously. The environmental impact of such systems, particularly in relation to local wildlife and ecosystems, should also be carefully considered.

I would also like to note that I was never notified by any developer about this project and only learned of it from a neighbor. This lack of communication makes me feel as though important information is being withheld, and it raises concerns about transparency in this process. We, as a community, deserve to be informed and engaged rather than feel that such decisions are being made without our knowledge.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the implementation of the Battery Energy Storage System in our neighborhood. It is essential to prioritize the health, safety, and security of our community and to explore alternative solutions that would not pose such risks.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope to see a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts before any decisions are made.