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California Energy Commission

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Subject: Request to Deny Approval of Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to formally request that the California Energy Commission deny the application for the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano.

While the development of energy storage projects is crucial for California's transition to renewable energy, I believe that the potential fire hazard associated with this project poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and the environment.

This type of energy storage facility has a history of malfunction and fire risk, being difficult to extinguish and exposing first responders to toxic gasses. The recent incident in Monterey at such a facility is a vivid example. Considering the close proximity of this project to residential areas, a creek, and Interstate 5 highway (the only highway escape route and the only main highway connecting Los Angeles and San Diego), the risk is simply unacceptable.

Residents have already quashed this proposal at the city level. Clean, sustainable energy is a worthy goal, but state policy should not override the safety concerns of citizens. Deny compass energy's proposal and prioritize projects that don't put people at risk.

Sincerely,

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