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## **Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Lithium Battery Plant Near Our Community**

I am writing as a concerned resident of Laguna Niguel, regarding the proposed construction of a lithium battery plant near our community. This development raises serious health, environmental, and safety concerns that could have long-term consequences for residents, particularly our children and vulnerable populations.

Lithium battery production involves hazardous chemicals that can lead to air and water contamination, posing risks of respiratory issues and other health complications. Additionally, the potential for fires and explosions presents a significant safety hazard. The presence of such a facility so close to residential areas is simply unacceptable.

We urge you to reconsider this decision and explore alternative locations that do not endanger the well-being of our community. Transparency, public consultation, and environmental impact assessments are crucial before proceeding with such an industrial project.

I respectfully request a response addressing these concerns and details on how public input will be considered in this process. The residents of Laguna Niguel deserve to have a voice in decisions that directly affect their health and quality of life.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
Farnoush Cohanzad