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Opposition to Battery Storage Facility

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Battery Storage Facility

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed battery storage facility near our community. While I understand the need for energy infrastructure, this project poses significant risks and concerns for residents, including:

1. **Safety Risks** – Lithium-ion battery facilities have been linked to fires and hazardous chemical leaks, which could endanger nearby homes and businesses. Emergency response plans for such incidents must be thoroughly reviewed and made transparent to the public.
2. **Environmental Impact** – The facility may pose risks of soil and water contamination, particularly if proper containment measures are not enforced. Additionally, increased industrial activity may negatively affect local wildlife and air quality.
3. **Property Values** – Studies have shown that industrial developments can lower property values in residential areas, making it harder for homeowners to sell their properties at fair market value.
4. **Community Disruption** – The construction and operation of the facility could lead to increased noise, traffic, and light pollution, disrupting the quality of life for nearby residents.

I urge local officials to reconsider this project's location and seek alternative sites that do not put residential communities at risk. Transparency, community engagement, and a thorough environmental impact assessment should be prioritized before any approval is granted.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth - resident of Laguna Niguel CA