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Dear Representatives:

I am writing to you as a constituent and resident of Corralitos in Santa Cruz County. I have a deep concern over the proposed lithium battery storage plant for 90 Minton Road near Watsonville. A 2024 Meta-Analysis by a team of researchers from the University of Sheffield, England found that although LFP batteries are less likely to experience thermal runaway, if they do catch on fire, they pose a greater hazard of combusting and emitting toxic gas and are significantly more toxic than NMCs. The guidelines and reassurances for this project must be addressed and made transparent to the community PRIOR to any installation in Santa Cruz County.

I am hoping that you will PASS AB 303, the Battery Energy Safety & Accountability Act which restores local input where battery energy storage system projects are built, BEFORE any vote to install the lithium battery storage system which has been proposed for Santa Cruz County.

I am also hoping that you will vote AGAINST the lithium battery storage system for Santa Cruz County. If you choose to approve this proposed project then you give me no alternative but to support any other candidate opposing you at the next election and I will encourage my neighbors to do the same.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Romero
Resident of Santa Cruz County

