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**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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Subject: Protecting communities, human and non-human

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Hello all,

I hope this reaches you, and finds you all well.

My name is Nichole and I am a resident of Aptos. As someone who cares deeply for the well-being of our planet, and all life that makes Earth so special, I understand the need for renewable energy and the trial-and-error that inevitably comes along with that pursuit. It is, however, unacceptable that the price for negligence occurring within BESS facilities is being paid for with human and animal life and health. Our communities, human and non-human, deserve our protection and it is our responsibility to defend and speak for those without a voice. When you think about a future worth looking forward to, please don't let it destroy that which is struggling to survive already right now, when no amount of money can bring it back. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Nichole