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Dear Kurt Beckett,

The former governor of our state, Jay Ensley, without ballot measure, has forced upon us these lithium battery storage systems in Skagit County.

When these storage systems catch fire, they destroy the land, air and water quality. We have watched the Moss Landing battery storage fires in California still burning for months while putting dangerous chemicals into the air, water and soil. One fire here would displace thousands of families plus destroy the many organic farms, fish and wildlife habitats, and the livelihoods of those who depend on the many industries in our area.

Skagit citizens do not want these battery storage systems. In fact, most Skagit residents don't even know these battery storage systems are going to be placed near their homes, farms, and wildlife preservation areas, like the Bayview Estuary.

No letters were sent to the many organic farmers, homeowners, or native tribes who have worked hard to create salmon stream habitats that will butt up to these storage sites.

How do the battery storage systems benefit us? We gain maybe four hours of electricity if the power goes out. Yet, we are being told we will be charged more for using electricity during peak hours. We already receive notices from Puget Sound Energy that we may be using too much power at peak usage times. If these systems are stealing from our grid, we are not only paying more but we risk brownouts.

These systems are not green energy. The battery life is twenty years. What are you going to do with these motorhome-sized batteries in twenty years? Or is that our problem that we never asked to have?

Do the citizens of Washington State have no say in the matter?

Please give us some answers.

Sincerely,
S. Tennyson

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