Hello,

 I would like to add the following comments:

Massachusetts please model safety legislation after this recently signed California Bill:

Local Fire Chiefs involved in BESS sitings:

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Thank you,

Sheila Lynch-Benttinen

Hello,

I would like to comment on the model bylaw for BESS.

In California recently Solana County modeled their new bylaws.

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| |  | | --- | | [County Planning Commission approves BESS code changes](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.dailyrepublic.com/news/county-planning-commission-approves-bess-code-changes/article_48413394-c5db-46a0-8051-a131b82615e9.html__;!!CPANwP4y!QU7jkZj9bMUf9ygrq2gWzDYrTq7NtOmqC7tXX-Ad6xdQFKGNvErBpopvqE_C4dvVDGeSZhQ3hr4zbeXKyng8Q3I$)  [dailyrepublic.com](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.dailyrepublic.com/news/county-planning-commission-approves-bess-code-changes/article_48413394-c5db-46a0-8051-a131b82615e9.html__;!!CPANwP4y!QU7jkZj9bMUf9ygrq2gWzDYrTq7NtOmqC7tXX-Ad6xdQFKGNvErBpopvqE_C4dvVDGeSZhQ3hr4zbeXKyng8Q3I$) | |

In particular I think Massachusetts should adopt a at least 1,000 foot setback from

major transportation highways, if not more.  A California BESS fire shut down Rte 1 for

three days while it burned out, which is protocol.

Duxbury now has a proposed Tier 2 BESS 200 feet from Rte 3!

Can you imagine shutting down Rte 3 for three days, chaos would ensue.

EPA recently came out with guidelines on Aug. 21, 2025 for a 330 foot isolation zone around a BESS fire

That would put the zone in Route 3!

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Please take clues from other areas with more experience and do not let a BESS

be sited near a major highway.

Sincerely,

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