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| <b>Project Name:</b>                    | Border Basin   |
| <b>Enter your Comment or Complaint:</b> | <p>Dear Neighbor, Many of you have known my family and I your whole life, but I'll go ahead and introduce myself all over again. I'm Cecil Boes, and I'm a proud farmer. I'm the type of guy that likes to focus on the big picture, including the past, future, and present. In the past, my land has been our family's pride and joy since 1951 when my father bought this land. My grandchildren are this place's future and will take over this farm and continue to work to feed America. But right now, in the present, I will do what's best to grow, preserve, and sustain my farm. When I was approached with the idea of placing a solar farm on a part of my farming operation, I was skeptical. Is this safe? Is this profitable? Is this in the best interest of my community? Is this something I will be proud to pass on to my grandchildren? So, I did my research and found my answer. Solar farms are safe. Solar farms are completely non-toxic and harmless to farms and families. They don't leak chemicals. They are built to endure hailstorms and severe weather. Solar farms are profitable. Solar farms provide guaranteed payments for thirty years to the farmer that exceed the market prices of corn, beans, or wheat. The Border Basin Solar Project will bring over \$1 million per year to our underfunded schools without raising taxes or decreasing state funding. I've made a lot of business decisions, some good, some bad. The Border Basin Solar Project is good business for my farm, our community, and our schools. Solar farms preserve farmland for future generations. Most of my ground</p> |

will remain in use for crops. When these panels are removed in 30 years, they will leave my ground rested and ready to be farmed again by my grandchildren. At the end of the day, I'm not a treehugger. I'm a farmer who is a steward of the land I own. I have a right to use this ground for its highest and best use. For a small portion of my ground, that highest and best use is farming the energy of the sun. As a conservative, I believe part of what makes America great is our constitutional property rights as landowners. It's my job to make "wise" decisions on how to use my land, not a Facebook group. At the end of the day, the Border Basin Solar Project will be our neighbor for years to come. I, along with the project developers and the OPSB, have worked hard to ensure that it will be a good one. I hope you will keep an open mind throughout this process. I am proud of my farm and family, and I am proud to be a part of the Border Basin Solar Project. Sincerely, Cecil Boes

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