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My name is Jake Cuperus, and I am a farmer and resident of Nobles County. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Summit Lake solar and battery facility. While I'm neutral when it comes to alternative energy, I am firmly against placing industrial-scale developments on prime agricultural farmland, particularly land currently zoned as Heritage Agriculture.

My family has farmed in this area since the early 1900s. Our community is defined by its agricultural heritage, and converting thousands of acres of productive soil into an industrial site represents an irreversible change. I am deeply concerned that once this land is developed, it can never be truly restored to its original state. Approving this project sets a dangerous precedent for further industrialization of our rural landscape. While Nobles Cooperative Electric and Geronimo Energy may claim this uses a small percentage of county land, for local farmers—including my son, who hopes to farm one day—this represents our vital land base and our children's future. I do not support sacrificing our future for corporate profit.

Furthermore, industrial projects of this scale do not belong near homes or active agricultural areas. They introduce noise pollution, glare, and potential fire hazards while damaging property values, local wildlife, and the rural way of life.

I urge you to consider the long-term, irreversible damage this project would cause to our land and community character. Please reject this proposal to protect our farming future.

Thank your for your attention to this matter

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