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I am writing as the child of a farmer and as a teacher in Nobles County to express concern regarding the proposed large-scale solar farm.

Nobles County's Solar Energy Ordinance makes an important distinction: a large solar energy system is defined as a use where "the primary land use of the parcel is for a solar array" . This indicates that such a project represents a conversion of agricultural land into a non-agricultural use.

Additionally, within the Agricultural Preservation district, large solar systems are not permitted outright but are instead conditionally permitted . This classification reflects that these developments are not inherently compatible with agricultural land and must meet specific criteria to demonstrate that they will not negatively impact surrounding land uses or the broader community.

The scale of this proposal—1,200 to 2,000 acres—raises questions about whether it meets those standards. The ordinance also requires significant infrastructure and site alterations, including setbacks, stormwater management, and long-term land commitments, which further distinguish this use from traditional agricultural activities.

While the ordinance requires eventual decommissioning and land restoration, this occurs only after the project's lifespan . As a result, the land would be removed from agricultural production for decades, which may conflict with the long-term goals of preserving agricultural land use in the county.

As someone connected to both agriculture and education in this community, I respectfully ask that decision-makers carefully evaluate whether this proposal aligns with the intent of the Agricultural Preservation district and the standards required for conditional uses. Is this what is best for the agricultural community? Is this what is best for Nobles County? For these reasons I urge the Board to deny approval for this project as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.
