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Dear Sandoval County Commissioners,

I am writing to you to request that you PLEASE DO NOT allow any solar farms/ battery storage facilities near residential areas nor the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway. I have been informed that the State Land Office has identified millions of acres of "brownfields" that are much more appropriate to locate these industrial plants. In fighting against a proposed massive battery farm in Santa Fe County to be located in the middle of 25,000 residents, I have done quite a lot of research into these highly dangerous and explosive batteries. It is not safe to put these battery farms near people and they endanger our environment with the high risk of causing wildfires and polluting the air, land and water with forever chemicals and many other toxins.

I believe it is the FIRST responsibility of our local county governments to protect the residents and the environment of this state from harm. These industrial-size battery/solar farms are way to dangerous for the locations that have been proposed. Since there are "brownfields" already identified as better suited and in

safer locations, then it only makes sense to install them where they do not destroy the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and the environment, as well as our beautiful views, pristine land and our ground water. It does seem counterintuitive to try to prevent climate change while simultaneously polluting the environment and endangering residents. Please choose a more reasonable location and do not destroy the livability of our beautiful state.

Thank you,

Nancy Peterson