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**VIA EMAIL:**

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Dear Pima County Hearing Administrator:

I would like to register a protest of a portion of this application. I am the owner of the Marana Pumpkin Patch which borders the entire south side of 208-09-0060. The Marana Pumpkin Patch is a working farm that holds several festivals, the most popular is the Fall Pumpkin Festival that has an annual attendance of over 100,000 people. Families come from all over Arizona to visit the farm and spend quality time. One of the activities that they enjoy is the tractor trailer ride out to the field to select the perfect pumpkin. Obviously having a large solar farm with no view screen would detract from our customers "farm" experience. I am also concerned about recent studies showing that solar farms raise the ambient temperature of the neighbouring land from 2-10 degrees. The temperatures in Marana already make it difficult to grown pumpkins and any increase from the solar project would make it impossible.

In my conversations with owner representatives, they told me several times that this parcel would not be included. From the notice letter I received it appears that this has changed with absolutely no communication.

To be clear if this parcel is removed, I offer my full support to this project.

Thank you  
Jon Post  
15401 W. Hardin Rd  
Marana AZ 85653

Post Land Co LLC  
Marana Pumpkin Patch