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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3422

Thank you for your time. My name is Katie Glaser, I'm a farmer and I ask that you support HB3422.

I will be the first to say that I hate more regulations, rules or laws that affect my farm, business and way of life. However, when it comes to renewable energy, especially solar, I do think we need to have more in place in deciding where big solar parks can be put in. This idea and technology is so new still. I worry that we are or will be the test ground for some of these projects. If something goes wrong or a deal goes bad I don't want good farmland to be affected.

The agrivoltaics is an interesting aspect that fits into some of this and I believe it's something that we should continue to study and watch. But again it's so early we don't know how successful or how well it will work long term. Many of the test areas are small acre farms, with higher quality soil types, and irrigation. This combination is sure to do well. But we don't know what thousands of acres of non irrigated, lower quality soil types will look like and how successful they will be.

I believe there are many areas across the state where big solar farms would work well. Places where the location will have little to no impact on others in the area. We need to focus on those areas and not location with larger populations that will be affected and good farmland will be taken out.

We don't want to be the test site for these projects without more protections.

Please vote yes on this bill.

Thank you for your time.

Katie Glaser