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**To Whom It May Concern:**

I am Amanda Gaskins, and I am writing on behalf of our family regarding the proposed Exie solar project in Green County, Kentucky. I was born and raised here, and I continue to live on my family farm—the same land where my grandparents lived. This place is not only our home but also a part of our community's farming heritage and livelihood.

While I understand the importance of renewable energy, I am deeply concerned about the impact this project will have on our environment, our farmland, our property values, and our way of life. I respectfully ask that you consider the following points:

**1. Environmental and Health Concerns**

- As a breast cancer survivor, I am committed to maintaining a healthy environment for myself and my family.
- We have no clear assurances that large-scale solar installations will not emit harmful substances or create runoff that could contaminate our water systems, especially given the karst terrain and numerous sinkholes in our area.
- Land previously protected under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is now being signed over for solar development, raising serious questions about long-term environmental safety.

**2. Loss of Farmland and Agricultural Impact**

- Farmland across the country is already disappearing at an alarming rate. Committing thousands of acres to solar panels for 30+ years removes productive land from agricultural use.
- This threatens our ability to grow crops and sustain ourselves in times of political or climate uncertainty.
- Farmers who wish to continue working the land will face higher lease costs due to reduced availability of farmable acreage, further straining our local agricultural economy.

**3. Property Values and Quality of Life**

- My home will be surrounded on all sides by solar panels. This will significantly diminish property values and make it difficult for families like mine to sell or pass down land to future generations.
- My children have already reconsidered building homes on our property because they do not want to live in the middle of a solar farm. This is heartbreaking and undermines our ability to keep family close.
- The beauty of our countryside—something that defines our area—will be lost.

**4. Economic and Community Impact**

- Removing agricultural land from an agricultural community for decades will cripple our local economy.
- The project appears to target low-income, rural areas like ours, where residents may feel pressured to sign contracts without fully understanding the long-term consequences.
- If the electricity generated is not even intended for our local community, then we are being asked to sacrifice our land and livelihoods for the benefit of others far away.

#### 5. Long-Term Uncertainty

- Technology is advancing rapidly. It is entirely possible that future innovations will make current solar farms obsolete. If that happens, our farmland will be left abandoned and unusable, with local residents bearing the burden of cleanup.
- Short-sighted decisions today could leave lasting damage for generations to come.

We are not opposed to renewable energy. We are opposed to sacrificing the health, heritage, and economic stability of our community for a project that does not serve us directly and may cause irreparable harm.

I urge you to listen to the voices of those who live here and to consider the long-term consequences of placing industrial-scale solar farms in the middle of productive farmland and family homes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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