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## I support Rancho Viejo Solar - #24-5200

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the 'Tell the County Board: Support Solar' initiative, particularly the Rancho Viejo Solar and Battery Storage Project. This project represents a significant step towards achieving true energy independence for our community in Santa Fe County.

By investing in solar energy with battery storage, we can harness renewable energy sources that not only reduce our reliance on fossil fuels but also provide sustainable energy solutions for local farmers and families. This initiative will empower our agricultural sector by ensuring that farmers have access to reliable energy, which is crucial for modern farming practices. In addition, it will create jobs and stimulate our local economy, all while promoting environmental sustainability.

I urge the County Board of Commissioners to consider the long-term benefits of supporting solar projects like Rancho Viejo. By prioritizing renewable energy, we can lead the way in creating a greener, more resilient community that values both economic growth and environmental stewardship.

Let us take this opportunity to invest in our future and support initiatives that will benefit Santa Fe County for generations to come.

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