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My name is Marissa Cavalier and I live in Phoenix, AZ. I live in a condo community that is currently deciding on a solar energy proposal. Under the proposal, the residents of the condo community will decide whether or not to make the entire complex rely on solar energy. They will install PVC cells in each of the buildings to convert light energy directly into electricity for the residents. This will require me to move out of my condo for a few weeks while they are installing the new units throughout the community. It will also be pretty expensive. Because it isn't a typical renovation and the residents get to decide, each owner of a condo unit will be responsible for paying for it. They project that it could cost a couple thousand dollars. I agree that we should reduce our reliance on fossil fuel sources of energy and that we need to reduce harmful pollutants in the atmosphere as well as try to lessen the effects of the global climate crisis. However, if I have to pay for the solar cells on my house, I probably won't be able to afford an airline ticket home for the holidays to see my family. It is a difficult decision and I'm not sure what I am going to do.