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Mr. Alfred Pollard
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Dear Mr. Pollard,

PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) has been an innovative way to get homeowners and businesses the money needed to invest in energy improvements such as installing better insulation, more energy-efficient windows, and solar panels. By using PACE financing, property owners can receive money up-front to pay for these improvements and then pay for the upgrades in small increments that are added to their property taxes over an extended period of time. The Brookings Institution estimates that if just 1% of America's homeowners were to invest in PACE-financed energy upgrades, we could create 226,000 new jobs.

Unfortunately, in 2010 the Federal Housing Finance Agency halted PACE programs, preventing hundreds of communities across the country from taking advantage of existing and developing programs. The Agency's rationale is unclear to me, but I urge it to reconsider its decision.
It is a good program, so please reverse your position by restoring the PACE programs.

Sincerely,

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