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Subject: RIN 2590-AA53 - Restore PACE programs now

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Mr. Alfred Pollard  
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Washington, DC 20552

Dear Mr. Pollard,

As a former home energy auditor and participant in a variety of home energy efficiency design seminars and classes, I can appreciate the major difference energy upgrades can make in our aging housing stocks.

The PACE program, as described below, sounds like a great way to invest in the survival of both the existing housing stock and of the higher life forms resident on our planet.

Though the functions temporarily increase the Federal debt, they should be self-liquidating over time while providing major reductions in both operating costs and in greenhouse gas emissions.

I urge you, and your agency, to carefully consider the long range benefits, both economic and social, of restoring these programs.

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[Please withhold my email and home addresses from the public record.]

I urge the Federal Housing Finance Agency to reverse its position and restore Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs that help property owners like me make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to our homes, businesses and factories.

PACE programs save homeowners and businesses money on energy bills, create much needed local jobs, reduce our dependence on coal and other fossil fuels, and cut pollution that harms our health and environment.

By enabling renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements that benefit homeowners and lower utility bills, PACE programs also reduce existing lenders' default risk and improve home values.

I urge the FHFA to reconsider its position opposing PACE in its recently proposed rule and to reinstate these programs. I also urge the agency to move forward with adopting the underwriting standards outlined in H.R. 2599, which provide the type of risk reduction strategy needed to ensure that PACE benefits all residential mortgage stakeholders. Hundreds of communities in the 27 states that have passed PACE-enabling legislation are counting on your agency to reinstate these programs at a time when we need them most.

Sincerely,

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