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Mr. Alfred Pollard
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Dear Mr. Pollard,

I'd like to write to you today about a wonderful environmental program. The program at issue is known as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). It's an innovative way to get homeowners and businesses the money they need to invest in energy improvements like 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 percent of America's homeowners were to invest in PACE-financed energy upgrades, we could create 226,000 new jobs.

This a great program to get people to help the environment.

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.

I urge the agency to reconsider its decision regarding PACE.

As someone who cares about the environment, I think the Federal Housing Finance Agency should restore PACE programs immediately.

Sincerely,

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