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General Alfred Pollard

Dear General Pollard,

[Please withhold my email and home addresses from the public record.] As a Realtor for over thirty years, I have seen first hand what energy efficiency upgrades can do for the housing market. The cost of owning a home is not just the initial investment of purchasing and paying the mortgage, taxes and insurance, it is also the long-term cost of maintenance and heating and cooling. We can help jumpstart the housing market with strategic upgrades in energy use while at the same time helping to bring down the contribution of greenhouse gasses.

I urge the Federal Housing Finance Agency to 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 also reduces default risk and improves home values.

I urge you to withdraw the July 2010 directive that froze PACE programs and allow these programs to move forward. 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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