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Subject: RIN 2590-AA53 - Restore PACE programs now

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General Alfred Pollard

Dear General Pollard,

I have installed solar hot water and double-paned windows, high-R insulation and CFL lighting, energy-saver appliances and insulated window shades to lower my energy use. Conservation is one of the most effective and cost-effective means of reducing our energy footprint and yet the upfront cost may be prohibitive for many homeowners. So I am perplexed that FHFA discontinued the PACE programs that helped people make those changes.

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.

I suggest that the price of increased tornado and flood damage across the country, due to warmer atmospheric conditions, is much greater than a return to conservation/efficiency subsidies could ever be. Please act on this immediately,

Sincerely,

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