September 15, 2010

Dear Representative:

As business leaders and community stakeholders from around the country, we write to you to ask for your urgent support for and swift passage of H.R. 5766, the PACE Assessment Protection Act, or similar PACE legislation, before the end of the Congressional session.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) finance programs are a local government solution that helps home and business owners finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. By providing owners with long-term financing options that are repaid through an assessment on property taxes, PACE provides financial security for home and business owners, creates jobs in the home improvement industry, and boosts manufacturing of clean and efficient technologies and products.

PACE has tremendous potential to create tens of thousands of local jobs, cut energy bills, reduce mortgage default risk, and dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by spurring investment in clean energy improvements. These programs have received strong bipartisan support from state and local governments nationwide. But now, financing for PACE is at risk due to recent statements issued by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). Before the FHFA action, PACE initiatives were sprouting up in cities across America, helping them create jobs, saving people money and saving energy. Because of FHFA's oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the FHFA guidance has forced cities in 22 states to suspend or dissolve their programs, and has killed the launch of new programs across the country. The uncertainty surrounding PACE has resulted in lay-offs and hiring freezes nationwide.

In today's economy, where over 2 million construction workers have lost their jobs in four years, programs that spur employment while also slashing energy use and emissions from homes and buildings are the economic future of our country. It is imperative that these are supported, not discouraged. The PACE pilot program funded by the Department of Energy was moving our country in the right direction, and now the FHFA has halted progress.

Congress cannot allow the FHFA stand in the way of clean energy jobs and lower utility bills for millions of Americans. We urge you to act expediently to pass legislation that would allow the PACE pilot programs to proceed – putting Americans back to work immediately and helping our consumers do the right thing – make property investments to reduce their carbon footprint and save money.

The PACE Assessment Protection Act, introduced by Congressman Thompson, would guarantee the right of state and local governments to move forward with PACE by directing the Federal entities responsible for mortgage lending to adopt underwriting standards that are consistent with the PACE guidelines issued by DOE. This bill would also ensure that no Federal agency can discriminate against communities implementing or participating in a PACE program, offering critical protection and security to home owners, businesses, and local governments. We strongly urge to you support this legislation and get our country back on the right track.

Sincerely,

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Ameresco, Inc
BOMA International
DPR Construction
Hines
Honeywell International
International Code Council
Johnson Controls, Inc
Lockheed Martin Global Training & Logistics
Siemens Industry, Inc.
Tishman Construction
TLC Engineering for Architecture
Trane
Transwestern

Arkansas

Chidester Engineering	Cabot
Crye-Leike Realtors	Fayetteville
Home Energy Consultants, Inc.	Fayetteville
Springline Consulting Group	Fayetteville
Mesa Landscape Architects	Little Rock
Village Commons	Little Rock
Viridian	Little Rock
All-Green Consulting Services, LLC	Rogers
EcoPotential	Springdale
Sun City Solar Energy of the Ozarks	Springdale

California

Solution 8 Management Services	Altadena
Verve Solar Consulting	Davis
Active Alternative Energies, Inc	Dove Canyon
Gebhardt & Associates	El Dorado Hills
Powers Home Design	Fresno
Lem's Handyman Service	Long Beach
TSK Management & Construction, Inc.	Los Angeles
Gaia Development, LLC	Marina del Rey
Steele Construction	Montara
Core Values Consulting	Morro Bay
California Energy Efficiency Industry Council	Oakland
Applied Solar Energy	Pacific Grove
Rochlin Corporation	Pacific Palisades
Southwall Technologies	Palo Alto
Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects	Sacramento
Zero Impact Architecture	San Anselmo
Center for Sustainable Energy	San Diego
Clean Fund	San Diego
Sullivan Solar Power	San Diego
Interfaith Power & Light	San Francisco
Paul Wermer Sustainability Consulting	San Francisco
Clean Energy Advocates, Inc.	Santa Monica
Zinner Consultants	Santa Monica
Competitive Clusters, Monterey Co. Bus. Council	Seaside
Chiropractic Office of Temple City	Temple City
CB Richard Ellis	Universal City

Colorado

Community for Sustainable Energy	Fort Collins

Washington, DC

Taurus Development	Washington

Florida

Energy IQ Group, LLC	Boca Raton
Green Distribution	Boca Raton
Rising Sun Solar, LLC	Boca Raton
Broward Technical Centers Green Ready Programs	Coconut Creek
Smart Growth Realty	Coral Gables
Greenworks Cabinetry, LLC	Coral Springs
Jeff Benavides, LLC	Coral Springs
Earth Energy Solutions	Davie
Gosunandwind, LLC	Delray Beach
Solar Impact	Gainsville
Railco Inc.	Hialeah
Zinasunshine solar power	Hollywood
Cloudbreak Planning Group	Hypoluxo
Environmental Services, Inc.	Jupiter
Jupiter Pump & Well Water Systems	Jupiter
Mainstreet Design Group	Jupiter
The Spinnaker Group, Inc.	Jupiter
HD Supply, Inc.	Lady Lake
Wharton-Smith, Inc.	Lake Monroe
Anderson Moore	Lake Worth
LDG Florida Architects, Inc.	Lake Worth
Solar Source	Largo
Alterna Corp.	Miami
Aztec Solar Power	Miami
Green Label Construction, Inc.	Miami
KG International, Inc.	Miami

Prestige Solar	Miami
Wiremasters Electric & Energymasters	Miami
Zyscovich Architects	Miami
Trane Commercial Systems - South Florida	Miramar
Team Plan Inc.	North Palm Beach
Saving Green Magazine	Oakland Park
WAO Builders Inc.	Oviedo
Eco Advisors	Palm Beach Gardens
Oliver Design Group	Palm City
T.R. Cline Solutions, LLC	Palmetto Bay
Cordova Rodriguez & Assoc., Inc.	Pembroke Pines
Abender Corp	Plantation
Sustainable Performance Solutions	Pompano Beach
Lakewood Methodist	Saint Petersburg
Amedank Holdings LLC	Sebastian
RUSH Hospitality	Titusville
Climatic Solar	Vero Beach
Green and Sustainable Solutions, Inc.	Wellington
BeacCorp	West Palm Beach
JBC Planning & Design	Weston
Ripple Associates	Winter Springs
HarneTech, LLC	Arlington Heights

Illinois

Verlogics Consulting Group	Arlington Heights
Blue Moon Enterprises	Aurora
Development Management Associates LLC	Chicago
Greenergy	Chicago
HJ Kessler Associates	Chicago
Land Vision, Inc.	Chicago
MFH Associates	Chicago
Sheaffer Landscape Architects	Dixon
Effortless Efficiency, Inc.	Naperville
Vireo Design Solutions	Naperville
Solar Service, Inc.	Niles
J.C. Restoration, Inc.	Rolling Meadows

Kansas

The Energy Savings Store	Lenexa

Maine

Green Energy Maine	Brunswick
Renewable Energy of Maine	Kennebunkport
Mo's Electric and Solar	Lovell
The Breathable Home	Manchester
ReVision Energy	Portland
Benchmark Solar	Rockland
Sundog Energy Systems	Searsport

Massachusetts

Land Escapes	Arlington Heights
Aurora Palesca Designs	Boston
Local Color	Boston
ZeroEnergy Design	Boston
Laborer's International Union, New England	E. Bridgewater
New York Real Estate Journal	Norwell
ICF International	Plymouth
Power Management Company	Plymouth
New England Council of Carpenters	Randolph
Crystal Garden	Sheekonk

Michigan

Working Bugs LLC	East Lansing
Ragha Systems, LLC	Grand
Hot Watt Solar LLC	Harrison
Basic Solar & Renewables LLC	Hastings
Clean Light Green Light	Mount Clemens
Odom RE-USE Co.	Traverse

Mississippi

unabridged Architecture	Bay St. Louis

Missouri

Armstrong Terasdale LLP	Clayton
Omega Graphics	Columbia
Rock Eddy Bluff Farm	Dixon
MidAmerica Solar LLC	Imperial
Trout & Sons	Jefferson City
Fiberlite Technologies, Inc.	Joplin
Advocate Business Consultants	Maryland Heights
f/n Architects	Plymouth
The Alternative Energy Company, LLC	Springfield
Arcturis	St. Louis
Clean Power Design	St. Louis

DGH Services, Inc.	St. Louis
HOK	St. Louis
Microgrid Energy	St. Louis
Scotts Contracting	St. Louis
UIC + CDO	St. Louis
Thermal Vision Energy	St. Peters
Butterfly Energy Works	Webster Groves

Montana

High Plains Architects	Billings
Home Resource	Missoula
Sundance Solar Systems	Red Lodge

Nevada

MARS Restoration	Las Vegas
HiTech Communications	Reno

New Hampshire

Milhouse Enterprises	Belmont
Hanford Enterprises	Center Sandwich
Ridgeview Construction	Deerfield
2 B Green Profitably	Dover
Go Green Energy Audits	Intervale
Appledore Engineering Inc	Portsmouth
Green Alliance	Portsmouth

New York

Relocation Management Solutions	Albertson
Savant Solar LLC	Albertson
Precision Signs	Amityville
Phoenix Energy Supply, LLC	Auburn
EcoEnergy Consulting and Supply Corp.	Babylon
Advanced Control Solutions, Inc.	Bay Shore
Apollo HVAC Corp	Bay Shore
Denico Management Corp.	Bay Shore
Nickerson Corporation	Bay Shore
Powersmith Home Energy	Bay Shore
Kaliedoscope Color Consulting	Bayport
Mary Nolte Designs	Bayport
Eileen Green Realty	Bellport
Clean Energy of New York Inc.	Bohemia
Pipeline LLC	Bohemia
GIANCO Environmental Services	Brentwood
Home Performance Technologies	Brentwood
Kathryn Fee, Architect PC	Bridgehampton
Telemark Inc.	Bridgehampton
NZR Geologic, Inc.	Bronx
Aether Energy Associates	Brookhaven
McRand Inc dba Home Tech Construction	Commack
Michael B Jaffe CPA PC	Commack
Scott E. Hunzinger CPA PC	Cutchogue
United Way of Long Island	Deer Park
Western Suffolk BOCES	Dix Hills
Square Interiors Inc	East Atlantic Beach
CEDX Corporation	East Northport
LJ Siro CPA Services PC	East Northport
RFH Building service, Inc	East Quogue
BikeLid LLC	East Setauket
Peter Caradonna Architecture & Planning PC	East Setauket
Space Innovators	Eastport
Delta Computer Group	Farmingdale
Open Access	Farmingdale
Promolink.com	Farmingdale
B.H. Consulting	Floral Park
Orrino Capital Services	Flushing
Green Re-Vision, LLC	Forest Hills
Albanese Organization	Garden City
Anne Hagens Village Realty of GC	Garden City
Law Office of Michael L. Pfeifer, P.C.	Garden City
The Amerisc Corp	Garden City
Habitech Planning & Design	Glen Cove
Notaro Grupp Architects	Glen Head
Green Audit USA	Greenlawn
RSA Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC	Hampton Bays
Axis Construction Corp	Hauppauge
Chalen Corp	Hauppauge
Charles Leonard, Inc.	Hauppauge
CleanTech Rocks	Hauppauge
CPS	Hauppauge
Energy Master & Environmental Solutions	Hauppauge
Green Peak Group, LLC	Hauppauge
Law Firm of Edward Scheine	Hauppauge
Natl. Electrical Contractors Association, Long Island Chapter	Hauppauge
The Workplace Group	Hauppauge
Young Equipment Sales, Inc.	Hauppauge,
The Cotocon Group	Hicksville

Geatain Engineering, PLLC	Holbrook
Lamberto C. Fernando, RA, AIA	Holbrook
New Horizon Marble and Granite Corp.	Holbrooke
NBC Solutions Corp	Huntington
American Business Associates	Huntington Station
McQuay International	Huntington Station
3 Main Street Realty, LLC	Kings Park
Lawrence Road Realty, LLC	Kings Park
Leteri Waste Management	Kings Park
USA Environmental Resource Management, Inc.	Kings Park
USA Recycling Facility Services, Inc	Kings Park
Caltech Electric Inc.	Levittown
SHH Consultancy	Locust Valley
North Shore LIJ Health System	Manhasset
PolySteel Sales & Support of New York	Manhasset Hills
Synergy Green Building Group, Corp.	Manhasset Hills
Esotico Designs	Massapequa
CresaPartners	Melville
CSArch	Melville
DCP Marketing Services LLC	Melville
Emmy Energy	Melville
Telesis Solutions Group	Melville
Alternative Solutions of New York	Mineola
Essex Claims Service	Mineola
Farber Brocks & Zane	Mineola
Hudson Valley DKI	New Hampton
New York ICF Corp.	New Hyde Park
The Window Network, LLC	New Hyde Park
Branch Services, Inc.	New York
Business Furniture, Inc	New York
e4, inc.	New York
Ecologic Investor	New York
First Global Xpress - FGX	New York
Humanscale	New York
Tandus Flooring	New York
Task Floors Inc.	New York
LI Green Homes, Town of Babylon	North Babylon
Badanes Law Office	Northport
FM Group, Inc.	Northport
Sunation Solar Systems	Oakdale
ReSprout	Oyster Bay
Green Project Solutions	Patchogue
Harrison Leifer DiMarco	Rockville Centre
Aurora Contractors	Ronkonkoma
F. Michael Hemmer, LS, P.C.	Sag Harbor
Blaze Makoid Architecture	Sagaponack
Financial Soultions New York, LLC	Sagaponack
Priceless Custom Homes, Inc	Sagaponack
GIO Solutions	Seaford
Earth Sensitive Solutions, LLC	Skaneateles
Horizon Engineering Associates	Smithtown
Sanna Mattson MacLeod, Inc.	Smithtown
Paul Cataldo Design	Sound Beach
Green Logic Energy	Southampton
Hamptons Estate Management	Southampton
Group for the East End	Southold
National Photovoltaics, Inc.	St. James
Division 7 Incorporated	Stony Brook
Robinson & Associates, PC	Syosset
Law Office of D. Abeshouse	Uniondale
Long Island Lighting Authority	Uniondale
ITM Corp - R. Scott Lewis	Wainscott
Daybreak Technical Services	Wantagh
Advanced Restoration Corporation	West Babylon
ReUse Long Island	West Babylon
Sunshine Plus Solar	West Babylon
CORE Interactive	Westbury
Pace Energy and Climate Center, Pace Law School	White Plains
Dynamic Financial Services, Ltd.	Woodbury

North Carolina

Asheville Geothermal Inc	Asheville
Energy Wise Solutions	Bessemer
Fireplace Editions	Carrboro
IES, Inc.	Cary
CCPower, Inc.	Chapel
Weaver Cooke Construction	Greensboro
Southern Energy	Morrisville

North Dakota

Ubl Design, P.C.	Bismark
Shultz & Associates, Ltd.	Fargo
Home Energy Science	Larimore

Ohio

Third Sun Solar	Athens
Expedite Renewable Energy	Chagrin Falls
HEAT Total Facility	Cleveland
Briker & Eckler LLP	Columbus
Geisel Mechanical	Elyria
Engineered Renewable Energy Solutions LLP	Lakewood
Slife Heating & Cooling Inc.	Lakewood
Edison Solar & Wind Ltd.	Milan
TCT Renewable Energy	North Jackson

Pennsylvania

Rushforth Solar LLC	Bryn
Matrix Service Company	Eddyston
North Coast Energy Systems	Erie
A greenSpan Computer Recycling	Monroeville
Energy Coordinating Agency	Philadelphia
Envinity Inc.	State College
J. W. Crouse, Inc.	West Chester
Practical Energy	West Chester

South Carolina

TGI Management & Consulting	Charleston
Daybreak Consulting	Columbia
SDM and Associates	Columbia
Lawn and Landscape	Elgin
Sunrise Communications	North Charleston

Tennessee

Project Development Advisors, LLC	Chattanooga
Benefield Richters	Knoxville
Brewer Ingram Fuller Architects Inc.	Knoxville
Coldwater Consulting, LLC	Knoxville
Elizabeth Eason Architecture, LLC	Knoxville
Energy Source Partners	Nashville

Texas

Tempo Mechanical Services, Inc.	Irving
Texas Energy Solutions, Inc.	Irving
U.S. Eco Logic, Inc.	Irving

Virginia

Continuum Energy	Alexandria
Direct Connect Solar & Electric	Check
Civil & Environmental Services, LLC	Nellysfod
Solar Services	Richmond
Ardent360	Sterling
Terra-Scapes	Virginia Beach

Wisconsin

Citizens Utility Board	Madison
Bubbling Springs Solar	Menomonie
UrbanRE Vitalization Group LLC	Milwaukee