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General Alfred Pollard

Dear General Pollard,

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

FHA has a chance to be a leader and enhance its reputation in communities across the U.S. FHA can show us the great good that gov't organizations can do in partnership with private capital.

I urge the Federal Housing Finance Agency to restore Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs that help stakeholders 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 REPEAT: PACE programs INCREASE HOME VALUES AND REDUCE DEFAULT RISK. America has large challenges many of which can be solved only with institutional, legal and regulatory change.

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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