

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 8, 2016

The Honorable Matt Dababneh  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Banking  
and Finance  
The Honorable Travis Allen  
Vice Chair, Committee on Banking and  
Finance

The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Local  
Government  
The Honorable Marie Waldron  
Vice Chair, Assembly Committee on Local  
Government

Dear Assembly Members Dababneh, Eggman, Allen, and Waldron:

We write to emphasize the California Congressional Delegation's strong and longstanding support of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. PACE financing is one of the most creative solutions to California's energy needs, providing home owners, the private sector, and local governments the opportunity to work together to meet the economic and environmental needs of our communities.

PACE programs across the state have increased property values, stimulated local development, and contributed to critical reductions in water use and greenhouse gas emissions. To date, over 400 local governments in California have voted to authorize PACE programs in their communities. Over 70,000 participating homeowners will save 9.1 billion kWh of energy, 3.4 billion gallons of water, and \$2.5 billion in homeowners' utility bills. PACE is an engine for local economic growth through the creation of more than 13,000 California jobs and over \$2 billion in completed projects.

PACE programs include consumer protections not found in conventional financing options. PACE programs require homeowners to confirm that work was completed before paying contractors and involve extra outreach to seniors to ensure that they fully understand the financial obligations into which they are entering. Homeowners have greater assurances through PACE about the quality and fair price of the product they are purchasing, the caliber of the workmanship, and the long-term support available to them throughout the life of their purchase.

In the interests of our mutual constituents, we encourage you and your colleagues in the California State Legislature to join us in providing support to PACE programs in California. All large programs have room to improve, and we thank you for exercising oversight over California's PACE programs to ensure that communities across California are able to take advantage of the substantial benefits that PACE programs provide.



**MIKE THOMPSON**  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



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