



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

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PA House of Representatives

Dear Representative,

The BlueGreen Alliance is a coalition of the nation's largest labor unions and environmental organizations, collectively representing millions of members and supporters. Today we are writing you to urge you to vote in favor of on Senate Bill 234.

Senate Bill 234 represents a great opportunity to create and sustain quality jobs in our state by providing businesses low-cost financing to update their property to be more energy efficient and to improve their properties with clean energy technology.

Commercial PACE is a voluntary program. It simply provides the mechanism that would enable municipalities or counties to work with private lenders to aid the business community in attaining low-cost financing to do these improvements. And, passing SB 234 would provide both local communities and the business community the choice as to whether or not they would tap into this resource.

PACE funding is long-term and can be used for all aspects of the project, including design and project development. It is important that SB 234 focuses solely on Commercial PACE at this time. Commercial PACE projects can employ a large workforce of skilled tradesmen and women that single-family residential projects cannot due to scale.

We urge you to vote yes on SB 234.

Sincerely,

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