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Dear Chairman Ellis, Chairman Thomas, and members of the House Commerce Committee:

Green Building United is writing to express its support of Senate Bill 234, PA Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, or C-PACE.

As non-profit organization that promotes sustainability in the built environment, we support legislation to grow Pennsylvania's clean energy economy, improve building performance, lower costs, and benefit public health.

The architects, engineers, builders, product manufacturers, building owners and managers, and other professionals in the Green Building United community strongly support the multiple benefits that C-PACE programs offer for the Pennsylvania's residents and businesses including:

- Encouraging private investment in Pennsylvania: PACE programs attract private investment dollars to finance the upfront costs of making efficiency improvements to a commercial property. Property owners pay the private loans back through their annual property tax bill or other local tax assessments; there is no cost to state taxpayers.
- Creating jobs: PACE programs have created thousands of jobs across the country and has the potential to add to the more than 62,000 Pennsylvanians that work in energy efficiency related jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Improving buildings and the environment: Per the U.S. Environment Protection Agency, the average commercial building wastes 30 percent of the energy it uses. PACE financing gives property owners the ability to invest in the improvements to reduce energy use. Utility bill savings and increased asset value offset the upfront cost of improvement. Reductions in building energy use result in lower carbon emissions and a better bottom line.

We encourage your support of C-PACE given its potential to improve Pennsylvania's economy and environment.

Sincerely,



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