



May 3, 2017

The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Assembly
State Capitol
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Dear Assembly Member Caballero,

On behalf of Advanced Energy Economy's (AEE) business membership, I am writing to express our concerns with your AB 271, which would adversely impact the state's PACE program and home-owners by removing delinquent PACE installments from the secured tax rolls.

AEE is a national association of businesses dedicated to transforming public policy to enable a prosperous world that runs on clean, secure, affordable energy. We are comprised of over 100 companies both large and small across the technology spectrum, including energy efficiency, solar, wind, storage, fuel cells, biofuels, electric vehicles, demand response, advanced metering, and enabling software. Our members also include companies that have made a commitment to power their operations with clean energy and are working with us to break down the barriers that inhibit them from reaching their sustainability goals.

Homes and businesses throughout the state benefit from access to affordable renewable energy and energy efficiency upgrades through PACE. PACE provides public benefit by increasing property values, creating jobs, and generating supplemental funds for community infrastructure improvements. Simultaneously, the program enables home-owners to participate in making significant progress towards the state's ambitious GHG-reduction goals.

We are concerned that AB 271 inadvertently jeopardizes these local and statewide contributions by hindering the program's operability and increasing financial uncertainty. AB 271 would constrain the PACE market, exposing the residential energy efficiency industry and home-owners to unnecessary cost and risk.

For these reasons, AEE is opposing your AB 271. We would be happy to discuss further with you so that we can develop an alternative approach for ensuring robust consumer protections and continued energy efficiency gains.

Best regards,

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