

# COMMERCIAL PACE FOR PENNSYLVANIA

## SAVING BUSINESSES MONEY, CREATING JOBS & BUILDING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT



### THE BASICS: PACE = PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY

A growing, bipartisan group of policymakers across the country has recognized the benefits of PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) and passed legislation to bring the program to their states. Active PACE programs are operating in 19 states plus D.C., with "PACE-enabling legislation" in place in 33 states plus D.C., according to PACENation.

Commercial PACE programs enable municipalities or counties to work with private lenders that provide long-term, low-cost financing to business owners for energy efficiency and clean energy improvements to their properties. Businesses pay the loans back through their annual property tax bill- there is no cost to taxpayers. Energy improvements for commercial and industrial properties under PACE may include energy efficiency retrofits and upgrades, the addition of renewable power sources such as solar panels, and water conservation measures.



### THE BENEFITS

Commercial PACE could have far-reaching financial benefits for Pennsylvania, including:

- **Businesses and property owners can save money** on utility bills and **increase the value** of their properties.
- **LOCAL jobs can be created** as engineers, skilled laborers and others complete energy efficiency and clean energy projects on commercial and industrial properties. **Jobs can also be created as new businesses are attracted to Pennsylvania to take advantage of PACE programs.**
- **Our environment and local communities are made healthier** as a result of cleaner air and greater energy efficiency.



### THE BILL: HOW TO SUPPORT PACE FOR PENNSYLVANIA

**Senators Blake and Reschenthaler have drafted legislation** which would help Pennsylvania's local governments to establish Commercial PACE projects.

**The legislation has bipartisan support from Pennsylvania's state senate and includes support from many of the state's leading environmental, business and labor organizations, including:** BlueGreen Alliance, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) - Penn-Del-Jersey and Western PA Chapters, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) - Third District and Locals 5, 81, 229, 712; Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance, Conservation Consultants, Inc., Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA), PennEnvironment, PennFuture, Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), PA Solar Energy Industries Association, Natural Resources Defense Council, Delaware Valley Green Building Council (DVGBC), The Efficiency Network (TEN), Honeywell Building Solutions, The Nature Conservancy - Pennsylvania Chapter, Pennsylvania Municipal League, Pittsburgh City Council, Solar Unified Network of Western Pennsylvania (SUNWPA)

**To support this initiative, Senators should call Senator Blake or Senator Reschenthaler and ask to add your name as a cosponsor to this proposal.**