

[Town of Falmouth Letterhead]

December 14, 2009

Honorable Mary Nelson  
Honorable Joan Cohen  
Senator Jerry Davis

RE Letter of Support for Enabling Legislation for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

Dear Representative Nelson, Representative, Cohen, and Senator Davis:

As one of twenty-five Maine communities that signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Falmouth is committed to reducing energy use and global warming emissions. An important part of the town's clean energy strategy is to increase the energy efficiency of Falmouth homes.

The Falmouth Green Ribbon Commission has recommended that the town of Falmouth implement a voluntary Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) funding program. By significantly reducing or eliminating the up fronts costs of retrofits, a PACE program could help our residents overcome the major barrier to retrofitting their homes. While we have not yet decided the best approach for funding retrofits, we do feel that PACE could be a valuable option for building our local residential energy efficiency (and possibly renewable power) program.

This letter is to express the Falmouth Town Council's support for a bill that would enable Maine municipalities to implement a voluntary Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) funding program. We understand that Representative Patsy Crockett (District 57 - Augusta) is familiar with PACE program and may be readying a bill for introduction on this interesting and innovative financing option.

Kind regards,

Cathy Breen,  
Chair, Falmouth Town Council

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