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December 9, 2020

The Honorable Chris Hill  
Collin County Judge  
Collin County Administration Building  
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192  
McKinney, Texas 75071

Dear Judge Hill:

Conservative Texans for Energy Innovation (CTEI) applauds your initial steps to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program for Collin County. We believe the energy industry is undergoing an unprecedented evolution and moving toward a system that prioritizes the use of advanced emerging technologies, environmental sustainability, market competition, and customer choice to fuel the economy.

As this transition occurs, we work every day to encourage the development of structures that leverage the powerful forces of free markets over

heavy-handed government mandates. We believe this market-based approach will lead to the most effective and efficient outcomes for consumers, the economy, and the environment.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing is a market-based approach that facilitates private investment to upgrade commercial and industrial facilities with more energy efficient and water efficient equipment. This results in lower operating costs and increased asset value for owners, improved indoor comfort for building occupants, enhanced productivity, reduced demand on the electric grid and water reservoirs, and new business opportunities for local contractors and service providers performing PACE project work – all at no cost to taxpayers.

To oversee this competitive PACE marketplace, CTEI supports Collin County adopting a single, competitively selected PACE Administrator working on behalf of the County. Having multiple PACE Administrators creates inefficient and redundant processes, encourages venue shopping among PACE project participants, and opens the door for oversight inconsistent with the enabling statute - Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399, the Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

Because the administrators will be signing contracts on behalf of the County that obligate the County to enforce past due assessments and encumber private property, it is important that the best qualified single administrator be focused on the best interests of the County. To date, of the 58 PACE programs in Texas, only 4 have multiple administrators and none in the DFW have multiple administrators. Multiple administrators have not produced additional PACE projects or resulted in increased education and outreach in these 4 regions.

As the County moves forward with PACE, we stand ready to provide input, guidance and assist in any way we can. We appreciate your public service to Collin County and to the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

Matt Welch, State Director

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