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The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin
President – Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
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RE: Legislation for Passage – August 19, 2026 Meeting Regarding Blanket PACE Legislation

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to request your support for **passage** under suspension of legislation described below at the **City Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026.** The legislation is as follows:

*An Emergency Ordinance – Supplementing the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio,
1976, by enacting new Sections 144A.01 to 144A.05.*

This ordinance needs to be passed under suspension so the City can begin accepting petitions for PACE financing, executing related agreements, and enabling PACE-financed projects to close on their financing in a timely matter. Additionally, members of the City Council have described the Council's desire to expeditiously enact this legislation.

I appreciate your support and understanding of our interest in moving this project forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 664-2204.

Sincerely,

Joevrose Bourdeau Small, Director
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cc: All Members of Council,
Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council
Mike Culp, Chief of Government Affairs