

June 10, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the officers of The Council of State Governments (CSG) and the State International Development Organizations (SIDO), we write to support the reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im) which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015. Ex-Im provides small businesses with the tools and resources needed to export their goods and services abroad at no cost to the American taxpayer.

CSG is the nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government, and SIDO represents the U.S. state trade promotion offices. We are working together with federal trade promotion agencies to ensure that small businesses across all 50 states and the territories have the necessary tools to compete in today's global economy.

In 2014, Ex-Im helped over 3,300 companies achieve more than \$27 billion in export sales, which supported more than 164,000 American jobs. Moreover, ninety percent of Ex-Im transactions directly benefit small businesses and suppliers across the country. Ex-Im also provides access to capital to small businesses in rural areas that may lack established financial centers. As a lender of last resort, Ex-Im is well positioned to fill market gaps left by private sector lenders.

With our economic recovery still moving at a slow pace, exports serve as a catalyst for increased growth and job creation. We urge Congress to support Ex-Im Bank reauthorization, and we stand ready to work with you to expand American exports.

Sincerely,



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