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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of House
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) **urges all Members of Congress to vote against all amendments proposed to H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act) regarding the Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im).**

With 95 percent of the world's customers outside of the United States, it is important that U.S. companies have every tool to compete. Close to one-third of U.S. economic growth since mid-2009 has been because of exports and Ex-Im has enabled businesses of all sizes to reach new markets.

Failure to reauthorize Ex-Im will threaten thousands of jobs across the U.S. and give our foreign competitors an advantage. Ex-Im not only supports jobs, but also returns money to the U.S. Treasury.

Here are a few salient facts:

- One week ago, over 70% of the House overwhelmingly passed the Fincher-Kirk bill (H.R.597) with the majority of both parties voting in favor.
- The House and Senate have now passed identical language reauthorizing Ex-Im.

AIA strongly opposes any amendments related to the Bank. Most of the proposed amendments regarding Ex-Im are thinly-veiled attempts to undermine the reauthorization of the Bank.

We urge you and your fellow House members to stand up for U.S. jobs and vote against all Ex-Im related amendments on H.R. 22.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. F. Melcher'.

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