

May 21, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20502

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20502

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20502

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Speaker Boehner, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

We write to express our support for a long-term reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. Without Congressional action, the Ex-Im Bank's authority will expire on June 30, and U.S. companies will lose access to a key resource for remaining competitive in the global economy.

For over 80 years, the Ex-Im Bank has served as our nation's official export credit agency, helping thousands of businesses finance the export of U.S. products to markets across the world. For Colorado businesses, the Bank is an important economic driver and resource. Since 2007, more than 100 Colorado businesses, the majority of which are small or minority-owned businesses, have used the Bank to facilitate the export of their products abroad, generating a total export value of \$815 million.

The Ex-Im Bank is an independent, self-sustaining federal agency that regularly returns money to the Federal treasury. Since 1992, the Bank has returned \$7 billion to the government while enabling businesses to enter new markets and sell "Made in America" products across the world.

Today, the Ex-Im Bank's customers represent many of Colorado's key industries, including aerospace, renewable energy, oil and gas, and manufacturing. In fact, sixty percent of all U.S.-built commercial satellites are now supported by Ex-Im Bank financing and the satellite industry is the Bank's fastest growing financing sector. Supporting Colorado businesses and providing them with opportunities to expand their reach to growing markets abroad will help our state and country compete in the global marketplace.

We understand that long-term reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank has been delayed because of questions as to the value of our national investment. From a Colorado perspective, the Bank is critical to the competitiveness of our companies in the global market. We urge you to move forward with a reauthorization.

Sincerely,

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Northern Colorado Economic Alliance

Colorado Corn Growers Association

Colorado Association of Wheat Growers

Colorado Livestock Association

Colorado Farm Bureau

Longmont Area Economic Council

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union