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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 21 international unions (with membership of more than 5 million working men and women) affiliated with the Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO, we seek your support for the reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

The Export-Import Bank is a valued source for decent American jobs within the U.S.-flag merchant fleet. Cargo generated by Ex-Im Bank funding must be transported aboard U.S.-flag vessels. This means tens of thousands of jobs for American citizens throughout the country. These ships and their crews are a vital part of our country's national security. They are a portion of the fleet that meets Defense Department national security requirements. U.S.-flag vessels crewed by American citizen mariners delivered more than 90 percent of the equipment and supplies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to its support of the U.S. Merchant Marine, the Export-Import Bank has supported 1.2 million American jobs overall since 2009 according to numbers provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Export-Import Bank does not cost American taxpayers a cent. It covers its activities through the fees and interest charged for its services. In fact, it has returned money to the U.S. Treasury that has been used to reduce the national debt.

Finally, support for the Ex-Im Bank is one issue where labor and business see eye-to-eye as its reauthorization is backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO thanks you for your consideration to support the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank.

Sincerely,

Michael Sacco
President