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The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

I write to ask for your support of our region's exporters. Specifically, I hope we can work together to make sure the bank does its job and uses its resources effectively to benefit our country's job creators.

Although you have expressed concerns in the past about the bank's utility to exporters, I believe we share a focus on making sure government executes its responsibilities efficiently. To this end, I ask for your support and advocacy to see that the bank's operations are fully functioning.

As you know, the bank's board of directors must approve any loan over \$10 million. Without a quorum, however, the bank cannot make those critical loans. The President recently nominated J. Mark McWatters to the board of directors, and because of the critical nature of this individual director in allowing it to reach a quorum, we believe the Senate should proceed with a thorough confirmation process. Each day that passes without a fully functioning Ex-Im is another day of squandered taxpayer resources.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, your voice carries tremendous weight with your fellow committee members and I ask that you consider advocating for a speedy confirmation process. The bank and the taxpayers deserve a speedy up or down vote on this important nomination.

I hope you will maintain your engagement on this issue and encourage your Senate colleagues to process this nomination.

Thank you again for your leadership and willingness to collaborate on issues important to the Pittsburgh region and the Commonwealth.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matt Smith
President
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce