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United States Senator Patrick Toomey
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Dear Senator Toomey:

On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and affiliates, I am writing to express support for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) and to encourage a long-term reauthorization. We fully support efforts to increase Pittsburgh exports, and Ex-Im is a vital tool in helping to increase our region's trade competitiveness.

In 2013, Ex-Im supported \$37 billion in exports that in turn sustained more than 200,000 American jobs at 3,400 companies. Ex-Im directly supports American jobs and it operates at no cost to the U.S. taxpayer.

Furthermore, in 2013, our region exported approximately \$10.4 billion in merchandise, making it the 32nd largest export market in the United States. Two of the top export sectors were primary metal manufacturing at \$2.1 billion and non-electrical machinery at \$1.1 billion. Firms such as Westinghouse Electric, PPG Industries, United State Steel Corporation, and many other smaller businesses utilize Ex-Im's services to level the playing field with foreign competitors.

Supporting Ex-Im is supporting Pittsburgh's businesses. We fully support a long-term reauthorization of this important institution.

Sincerely,

Dennis Yablonsky
CEO, Allegheny Conference on Community Development