**Sample employee letters to Congress - Ex-Im Board Nominee Letter**

Dear [Member of Congress]:

I work for [Company], which is proud to manufacture [product type] in the [town name of facility] community. With 95 percent of the world’s consumers living outside of the United States, manufacturers and their employees in the United States need tools like the U.S. Export-Import Bank to win new opportunities in markets abroad.

Manufacturers scored a victory last year, when a supermajority in Congress passed a long-term reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank. Unfortunately, the Ex-Im Bank Board of Directors is one member short of the quorum required to act on certain transactions. Until the Senate moves forward on the nomination U.S. exporters and their suppliers are at a significant disadvantage to competitors around the world who are supported aggressively by their own government export credit agencies. This puts American jobs risk.

The Ex-Im Bank supports millions of U.S. jobs and helps businesses of all sizes compete in a global economy, and is paid for by fees and interest of its users.

My company, like thousands of others, has used Ex-Im to compete globally. Today, [company] sells our products in [name of countries or number of countries]. That growth has helped sustain and grow jobs and spur new investment in the United States [or particular state].

With a tough global economy and many headwinds challenging the competitiveness of manufacturers in the United States, now is the worst possible time threaten this critical tool. Manufacturing employees need a fully functioning Ex-Im Bank today. I urge you to raise your voice and call on Senate leadership to act quickly on the Ex-Im Board nominee currently before the Senate.