**Sample Letters to the Editor - Ex-Im Board Nominee Letter**

**To the Editor:**

I work for [company] and the success of our company depends on tools like the U.S. Export-Import Bank to take advantage of opportunities in markets abroad. Manufacturers and their employees in the United States scored a victory last year, when a supermajority in Congress passed a long-term reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank. Continued politicking, however, has left the agency handicapped and threatens American jobs.

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. Unfortunately, the governing Board of Directors for this federal agency is currently one member short of the quorum required to act on certain transactions and policy changes that require Board approval. Unless the Senate moves forward on the nomination, the Ex-Im Bank will not be able to fulfill its mandate to process large export transactions – putting U.S. exporters and their suppliers at a significant disadvantage to competitors around the world who are supported aggressively by their own government export credit agencies.

Companies like mine, and thousands of others across America, have 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. For example, [example]. Exporters need access to customer financing and working capital to ensure the continued growth of manufacturing in the United States.

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. American manufacturing workers need a fully functioning Ex-Im Bank today.