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The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-221, Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230 Capitol Building  
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Reid, Leader Pelosi and Leader McConnell:

As Governor of Missouri, I write to you on a matter affecting our growing export economy. Missouri's economy, our local communities and hardworking families all benefit from the sale of Missouri-made goods around the world. Continuing to expand our exports will allow us to continue to create jobs and move Missouri's economy forward.

For decades, the U.S. Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im) has provided a vital export finance tool that has helped Missouri companies sell their products overseas. Over the past five years, Ex-Im has helped to support more than \$1 billion of exports sales from almost 100 businesses across Missouri. As the official export credit lender of the United States, Ex-Im is a strong partner for exports from Missouri.

I urge you to reauthorize the U.S. Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im) before its charter is scheduled to expire this year. Failure to reauthorize the agency's operations will place Missouri companies at a serious disadvantage, leading to fewer exports and risking continued job growth in our state.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor