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The Honorable Penny Pritzker
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker,

The Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC), as an advisor to you on issues important to the promotion of nuclear energy exports, strongly supports the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) and recommends your active support for its reauthorization.

Congress’s failure to reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank would cost taxpayers billions over the long term, hurt small businesses across the country, and limit important contributions of American companies to nuclear safety and nonproliferation expertise in foreign nuclear programs.

Civil nuclear power is a capital-intensive industry and those countries and companies that can compete based on sovereign financial resources have an advantage. The U.S. civil nuclear industry is finding it difficult, if not impossible, to compete in markets where sovereign enterprises can employ preferential financing. U.S. reactor vendors are currently in negotiations for overseas deployment for which Ex-Im Bank funding support will be essential. These new U.S. reactors include increased safety features and simplified designs that many countries are seeking. When large U.S. companies deploy reactors in other countries, they buy goods and services from smaller U.S. companies through supply chains that reach hundreds of businesses. These supply chains often last for decades, during the operating life of the reactors. Even where large American companies are not the reactor vendors, some U.S. companies receive support directly from the Ex-Im Bank for their involvement in overseas nuclear power programs. These large and small businesses often bring unique, world-leading expertise in vital areas, including nuclear safety and nonproliferation.

The Ex-Im Bank helps level the playing field and allows both large and small U.S. companies to compete on a global market. The Ex-Im Bank charges fees for its financing, operates on a self-sustaining basis at no cost to the taxpayer, and even generates revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

We urge you to support Ex-Im Bank reauthorization and work with Congress and other cabinet members by providing information as to why Ex-Im Bank is so essential to American jobs and exports.
Sincerely, and on behalf of the members of the CIN1AC,

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