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Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
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Congressman Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
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Minority Whip
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Congressman Steve Scalise
Majority Whip
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McCarthy, Congressman Hoyer, and Congressman Scalise:

On behalf of our 43,000 members, the Navy League of the United States strongly urges you to support the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. The Navy League of the United States is a civilian nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation, and that its national defense and economic wellbeing are dependent upon strong sea services - U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The strength of the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine depends on Export-Import Bank and we urge Congress to reauthorize it.

The Export-Import Bank has promoted economic growth, created and sustained U.S. jobs, including mariner jobs and those tied to our national and economic security. The Department of Defense depends on the Merchant Marine for over 95% of our national defense sealift needs in times of war or national emergency, and Export-Import Bank financed project cargoes are regularly carried on the most militarily useful vessels. Replacing this sealift capacity would cost the Department of Defense tens of billions of dollars.

The Navy League urges you to reauthorize the bank and preserve our national sealift capability, necessary for our national security and defense.

Thank you,

Bruce Butler
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