



March 15, 2012

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell  
311 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell,

On behalf of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, IFPTE 2001 (SPEEA), I want to thank you for your efforts to reauthorize the U.S. Export-Import Bank and increase the agency's lending authority to \$140 billion. We fully support moving this issue forward via the proposed amendment to H.R. 3606.

SPEEA represents over 25,000 engineering and technical workers in aerospace in Washington, Kansas and four other states. The Export-Import Bank is a vital resource to our industry, allowing us to maximize U.S. exports of commercial aircraft while ensuring this public investment supports American workers. In FY 2009 alone, financial backing from the Ex-Im Bank supported the export of approximately 150 large commercial aircraft.

We are committed to the long-term sustainability of domestic aerospace manufacturing and feel it imperative that Congress act now to extend and increase the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank. This issue deeply affects our members and other workers in manufacturing and service industries across the country.

Thank you, again, for your work on this issue. If SPEEA can provide further assistance in your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact our Legislative Director, Chelsea Orvella, at (206)674-7359 or [chelseao@speea.org](mailto:chelseao@speea.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. McCarty".

Thomas M. McCarty  
President