



October 26, 2021

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Toomey
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Nomination of Reta Jo Lewis as President of U.S. Export-Import Bank

Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Toomey:

On behalf of the Small Business Roundtable ([SBR](#)), a coalition of leading small business and entrepreneurship organizations dedicated to advancing policy, securing access, and promoting inclusion to benefit the businesses at the heart of the American economy, the undersigned write to endorse the nomination of Ms. Reta Jo Lewis to be the next President of the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

Ms. Lewis's extensive experience at the federal level will allow her to be an effective leader at the Bank. Previously, Ms. Lewis served as Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of State in the Obama administration. In this capacity, she was charged with building and supporting strategic relationships between federal, state and local leaders and their foreign counterparts. Ms. Lewis also previously served as Special Assistant for Political Affairs to President Bill Clinton.

Ms. Lewis understands the challenges that the 30 million entrepreneurs nationwide face. We believe that her government experience will serve her well in leading the Bank's work to assist with financing and facilitating U.S. exports of goods and services.

If confirmed, Ms. Lewis would deliver critical leadership at the Export-Import Bank as it continues to support small businesses navigating the Coronavirus pandemic. We express our utmost support for nominee Ms. Reta Jo Lewis to serve as President of the U.S. Export-Import Bank and urge her confirmation in the U.S. Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important nomination. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to email elliott@smallbusinessroundtable.org.



Sincerely,

Small Business Roundtable (SBR)

Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC)

National Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship
(National ACE)

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council)

U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC)

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC)

Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP)