Congress of the United States

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Chairman Fred Hochberg
Export-Import Bank of the United States
811 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20571

Dear Chairman Hochberg:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the Export-Import Bank's decision to deny a loan guarantee for Reliance Power, Ltd for the construction of an Indian coal-fired power plant and related mining activities.

Due to the 2-1 decision, South Milwaukee-based Bucyrus International stands to lose up to 1,000 jobs. Bucyrus was slated to construct and supply various types of heavy-duty mining equipment. Not only will Bucyrus be negatively affected, but the 250 suppliers of Bucyrus will also be impacted.

This decision, the first since the Obama Administration's new policy of evaluating projects with consideration for climate change implications, will cost hundreds if not thousands of American jobs and will not lead to any reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The plant will still be built, but rather than have American-made machines and equipment in use, the plant will use machinery constructed in China and Belarus.

Climate change is a global issue and greenhouse gas emissions are not confined within geographic boundaries. Therefore, the Bank's decision not only eliminates American jobs, it does nothing to mitigate climate change. In fact, because China relies more heavily on coal as a portion of its electric portfolio, the offshoring of this production may increase global carbon emissions.

With the national unemployment rate hovering close to 10 percent, all steps should be taken to reinvigorate the economy and bring jobs to the United States. The mission of the Export-Import Bank is to "assist in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets." However, with this decision, we are simply exporting American jobs to China. We urge you to immediately reconsider your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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