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The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Committee on Banking, Housing,
& Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing,
& Urban Affairs
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Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Brown:

On behalf of the nearly 5,700 community banks represented by ICBA, I write to thank you for scheduling a confirmation hearing for the nomination of Kimberly A. Reed for President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Ms. Reed has met with the senior leadership of ICBA to discuss her background, her view of the current economic climate, and various issues facing community bankers and policymakers today. We are impressed by her experience in the public, nonprofit, and the private sectors in both the domestic and the international arenas, her thoughtful views on issues relevant to community banks, and her remarkable accomplishments. In our discussions, Ms. Reed emphasized her work experience in the small business sector and desire to focus on small business prosperity. Finally, we are pleased that Ms. Reed has a keen understanding of the role that community banks can play in supporting American exports, including the robust agricultural sector.

I believe that Ms. Reed would make an excellent President of the Export-Import Bank and urge you to mark up her nomination at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rebeca Romero Rainey
President & CEO

CC: Members of the Senate Banking Committee