



Export-Import Bank

Poster boy for Crony Corruption?

In 1934, Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank to promote trade with the Soviet Union.

In 1946, Congress established it as a federal agency to “facilitate exports and imports and the exchange of commodities between the US and other Nations.”

SO HOW IS IT GOING?

- ❖ Ex-Im loaned \$75.8 million in taxpayer money, at 1.68 percent, to the Chinese government so that it could buy private jets from Goldman Sachs.
- ❖ More than four out of five dollars Ex-Im backed in 2012 went to one company: Boeing.
- ❖ While blocking fossil fuel development in the U.S., Ex-Im offers billions of taxpayer dollars for development of fossil fuels in Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Mexico and other countries.
- ❖ The Congressional Budget Office recently reported that Ex-Im will operate at a deficit of \$2 billion in the next decade (*in addition to the bank’s operating costs*).
- ❖ The Inspector General has concluded that the bank lacks sufficient policies to prevent waste, fraud and abuse, and has inadequate risk management policies and recordkeeping.

The upcoming Export-Import bank reauthorization debate and vote will provide the opportunity to distinguish free-market capitalism from the crony variety that has given capitalism a bad name.

The bank should not be reauthorized!

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