

**Video Remarks:**  
The Honorable Wilbur Ross, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce

Announcer: Ladies and gentlemen, please draw your attention to the video screens for a video message from Secretary Wilbur Ross, US Department of Commerce.

Wilbur Ross: Hello and welcome to The Export Import Bank's 2017 Annual Conference. This conference is a great opportunity for productive interaction between more than a thousand exporters, representatives of financial institutions, foreign trade partners, and government officials. While regrettably due to urgent business I am not able to join you. I nonetheless hope that these couple of days are productive in helping to create jobs by increasing our nation's exports. In the last decade XM has supported more than 17 million jobs in all 50 states by helping American businesses take advantage of global markets.

The bank is part of a domestically focused trade toolbox that this administration will continue to focus on in the coming months. We will use that toolbox to rebalance our trade policy in order to put American workers first. I won't hold you up any longer except to wish you luck as you set out to promote growth and create jobs. Thank you.