

**Male Unknown Speaker** -Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome back to the podium President and Chair of the export import Bank of the United States, The Honorable Reta Jo Lewis.

**The Honorable Reta Jo Lewis, President and Chair, EXIM Board of Directors** - I don't know y'all making that a theme song well first of all good morning good morning good morning all right now I hear you welcome to day two of the export import Bank of the United States annual conference I hope all of you had a good night's sleep because today is going to be jam-packed with even more inspiration collaboration and EXIM game changing possibilities you know when I went to bed last night I was really feeling inspired and I hope all of you did too you know what I witnessed yesterday that was happening in this hotel was that business and finance associations and governments working collectively because of the power of America's Ingenuity resilience and ambition I saw all of that coming together right here in this room but you know I also realize that we chose the right theme and that theme being create locally and Export and globally you know it really went out because it lies at the heart of everything we stand for and the reason we are all here today well everyone in this room we know that each of you are committed is committed to boosting America's manufacturing empowering exporters and propelling our nation towards unparalleled success on the global stage and not just us here the support of President Biden and vice president Harris have been able EXIM to come back strong so earlier this year I had the privilege of joining vice president Harris IA and I was also in Kenya uh earlier this year and we signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate up to 500 million in US export financing to Tanzania and although the vice president could not be here today she did send us a letter I think they may be showcasing it on the screen which and you have at your table which each of you will be able to see and so Andy uh ribbon who is here from uh the vice president office who's the special advisor Andy where are you please raise your hand stand up give Andy a round of applause for getting us some things done. You know when you have that good that good collaborator in the White House it also makes things a whole lot easier too so Andy uh thank you very much and let the vice president know we look forward to continuing to work with her you know while I wish this conference could go on for several more days we wish we're not we will take advantage of today our last day to dive deeper into the game changing ways that EXIM can help exporters like you exceed your goals in the coming year but let us be clear we can give you knowledge and tools but you are the main ingredient in the recipe for success we know that you have the determination The innovation and unwavering dedication and we know that each of you are the driving forces behind all of our Collective achievement so as we wrap up this year's Gathering I hope you recognize that not only is EXIM back but EXIM is delivering results we're open for business and we will use every tool in our toolkit to support American business every step of the way

we all know that each of you in this room are here because we know that we have the ability to change the paradigm to provide opportunities for countless Americans to inspire the next generation of innovators and to position American businesses to not only compete but to win the future in global trade thank you all so much let's make it a great day today and on to our first guest thank you all.