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## **SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN ETHIOPIA**

*Oromo Legacy Leadership and Advocacy Association*

**Falls Church, Virginia**—The Oromo Legacy Leadership and Advocacy Association (OLLAA) celebrates U.S. Senator Bob Menendez's call for the immediate cessation of hostilities in Ethiopia. Senator Bob Menendez's call is a response to the escalation of hostility that occurred when Ethiopian Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, has declared a six-month state of emergency and has ordered Ethiopian government troops into Ethiopia's Tigray region. Reporting by the Associated Press and Amnesty International suggests that the escalation of hostility by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed may lead to civil war.

Senator Menendez believes that prolonged hostilities in Ethiopia will derail Ethiopia's recent embrace of democratic norms, leading to the Ethiopian people being denied the peace and stability they crave for themselves and their children. OLLAA whole-heartily agrees with Senator Menendez's assessment of the situation in Ethiopia and joins Senator Menendez in calling for peace, respect for human rights, and a return to democratic norms.

OLLAA uses this opportunity to again call for the Ethiopian government to show respect for due process and ensure a fair and fully transparent judicial process for all political prisoners and people arrested during these unsettling times.

*OLLAA is an umbrella organization that presents dozens of Oromo communities around the world.*