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[To The Honorable (full name)]
House Office Building / Senate Office Building
United States House of Representatives / United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515]

Dear Representative/Senator [insert last name],

My name is [insert], and I am one of your constituents. I am reaching out to you today as I am deeply troubled by news of deadly attacks on Oromo civilians in the Wollo Oromia Special zone of the Amhara region of Ethiopia.

I am very concerned by reports that violence has once again flared up after the Amhara regional forces, alongside the Amhara militias known as *Fano*, opened fire on civilians in the Jille Dhumuga district of Oromo Special Zone on January 21, 2023. I have heard that more than 100 Oromo civilians - predominantly farmers - have been killed in the ongoing attacks. Alongside these indiscriminate killings, many properties have been destroyed, with reports that several villages have been burned down, causing thousands of civilians to flee their homes. I have also heard that those forced to flee are currently in a desperate situation without access to food or drink.

This is not the first attack that has taken place against Oromo civilians in the Wollo Oromia Special Zone, and in April last year, it was reported that Fano leaders publicly called for the extermination of Oromos from the region. Unfortunately, the conflict in the Oromia region and Wollo Oromia Special Zone has only escalated since the peace agreement in Tigray was signed in November 2022, and I am deeply fearful that many more Oromo lives will be lost unless urgent action is taken to bring these conflicts to an end.

I know that the US government has played a leading role in calling on the Ethiopian government to peacefully resolve conflicts in northern Ethiopia. I respectfully urge you to publicly condemn these attacks and pressure the Ethiopian government to protect its citizens, including by launching investigations into these attacks and ensuring the perpetrators are held accountable.

This issue is very important to me, and I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name, Your Address]