(INSTRUCTIONS DELETE BEFORE USING) \* This is not editable. Download (File > Download> Microsoft Word (docx)) OR copy & paste the template elsewhere to edit. Make sure you replace the highlighted yellow part with the information indicated before sending.

[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 to express my concerns about the safety of Oromo civilians living in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. As you may be aware, in early April, the Ethiopian federal and Oromia regional governments announced the launch of a new military operation in the region with the mission of destroying the OLA. Instead, I have been hearing disturbing reports that the military, as well as Amhara militias (*Fano*), have been attacking civilians throughout the region, and that 278 civilians have died in recent weeks. These attacks have included drone and helicopter strikes throughout the region.

I am deeply concerned about the impact this military offensive is having on the lives of ordinary Oromo civilians throughout Oromia. I fear it is inevitable that more Oromo civilians will lose their lives and face other abuses as a result of this campaign.

I know that the US government and the international community have been calling for the Ethiopian government to take concrete steps towards a peaceful resolution to conflicts in Ethiopia. To me, it seems that this military operation in Oromia directly undercuts any recent steps the government has taken towards resolving the conflict in northern Ethiopia. The US government must not stay silent in response to this military offensive, and must condemn any actions that undercut calls for peace throughout the country.

I, therefore, respectfully urge you to condemn the recent attacks against civilians throughout Oromia, including the use of drones to target civilian populations. I urge you to further call on the Ethiopian government to cease its military operation inside Oromia, as a measure that undermines peace and stability throughout the entire Horn of Africa. Finally, your office should call for the Ethiopian government to seek peaceful means to address conflicts inside Oromia, as it is doing with the TPLF in northern Ethiopia. The lives of countless Oromos are at stake.

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

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name, Your Address]