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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 to express my concerns about the safety of Oromo civilians living in Gambella City, the Wollo Oromia Special zone, and throughout Oromia, Ethiopia. As you may be aware, on June 14th, a joint operation was launched by the OLA and the GLF against Ethiopian security forces in Gambella City, which lasted four about four hours, and ended when regional forces recaptured the city.

Following the attack, there have been numerous reports that the Gambella regional government has begun targeting all Oromo civilians living inside Gambella city, regardless of whether they have any purported connections to the OLA. I have heard reports of security forces searching the homes of Oromo civilians, and extrajudicially killing any Oromos they find. I have heard that hundreds have already died, and fear this situation will only continue to escalate, and that all Oromo civilians who live in the area are now in danger. In addition, this weekend, a <u>video</u> surfaced that shows the extrajudicial killing of 30 Oromo by Amhara fano in the Wollo special zone of the Amhara region late last year.

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, and to call for an inclusive dialogue throughout the country. In my opinion, the targeting of Oromo civilians inside Gambella city and in the Wollo Oromia Special zone will only serve to undercut calls for peace and could further inflame ethnic tensions throughout the country. The US government must not stay silent in response to these attacks, and must condemn any actions that undercut calls for peace throughout the country.

I, therefore, respectfully urge you to condemn the indiscriminate targeting of Oromo civilians inside Gambella city. I also ask that you call on the Ethiopian government to seek peaceful means to address conflicts throughout Ethiopia, and investigate all allegations of human rights violations in the country.

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

Yours sincerely, [Your Name, Your Address]