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[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 writing to you regarding the increasingly dire situation for Oromo civilians throughout the Oromia region of Ethiopia, particularly in light of recent drone attacks and attacks against civilians perpetrated by Amhara militias.

There have recently been reports of an escalation of violent attacks being carried out by the Amhara militia group known as *Fano* throughout Western Oromia, including in Hargar Gutin and Kiremu, in the <u>East Wollega</u> zone, the <u>East Shewa</u> zone, and in <u>Horo Guduru Wollega</u> zone, where a video showing several members of Fano speaking in front of the decapitated heads of individuals from Jardega Jarte began circulating online. On December 3, 2022, Jawar Mohammed, the central member of the Oromo Federalist Congress political party, <u>tweeted</u> that 350 people had died and 400,000 had been displaced in the past 48 hours due to this violence.

Over the past few weeks, there have also been multiple reports of drone attacks throughout western Oromia. These drone attacks have been <u>reported</u> most <u>frequently</u> in the <u>West Wollega</u>, <u>West Shewa</u>, and <u>North Shewa</u> zones, leading to the death of civilians. In one of these attacks, which took place on November 2, 2022, a witness told <u>AP News</u> that dozens of people had died and hundreds were injured in Bila, West Wollega zone. Most recently, I have heard reports of a drone attack in Wara Jarso, North Shewa zone on December 2nd, leading to the death of 80 civilians, and airstrikes in Sassiga, East Wollega zone on December 4th. Social media reports have also been circulating of airstrikes in the Begi, Gidami, and Togo districts of West Wollega and Kellem Wollega zones on December 5th.

I know that the US government has played a leading role in calling on the Ethiopian government to peacefully resolve conflicts in Ethiopia. In my opinion, failure by the US to condemn drone attacks and other attacks against Oromo civilians will only serve to heighten conflict and tensions throughout the country.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to publicly condemn attacks against Oromo civilians in recent weeks, by all parties. I also ask that you call on the Ethiopian government to seek peaceful means to address conflicts throughout Ethiopia, as it has done with the TPLF in northern Ethiopia.

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

Sincerely,
[Your Name, Your Address]