

በኢትዮጵያውያንና ትውልድ ኢትዮጵያውያን የተመሰረቱ 17 ተቋማት H. RES. 128 እንዳይጸድቅ በመቃወም ለኮንግረስ ከፍተኛ ኃላፊዎች ደብዳቤ ጻፏል፤

ተቋማትን ተቋማት በአሜሪካን አገር የሆኑ 17 የኢትዮጵያውያንና ትውልድ ኢትዮጵያውያን የተመሰረቱ የተለያዩ የሃይማኖት ተቋማት፣ የኢትዮጵያ ህዳሴ ም/ቤቶች፣ የልማት፣ የሲቪክ እና ሕዝባዊ ማህበራት አባላት፣ ለአራት የኮንግረስ አመራር አባላት በሚስተር ክሪስ ስሚዝ የቀረበውን ውሳኔ በመቃወም ደብዳቤ ልከዋል።

ደብዳቤ የተጻፈላቸው የአሜሪካ የህግ መወሰኛ ም/ቤት ከፍተኛ ኃላፊዎች የም/ቤቱ አፈጉባኤ የሆኑት Paul Ryan እና በም/ቤቱ የገዢው ፓርቲ መሪ የሆኑት Kevin McCarthy፣ ጨምሮ ለም/ቤቱ የውጭ ጉዳይ ኮሚቴ እንዲሁም ለም/ቤቱ የመከላከያና የደህንነት ኮሚቴ ሊቀነመናብርት ናቸው።

እነዚህ በኢትዮጵያውያንና ትውልድ ኢትዮጵያውያን የተመሰረቱ ተቋማት በላኩት ደብዳቤ የኮንግረስ አባል የሆኑት ክሪስ ስሚዝ ያዘጋጁት ረቂቅ የውሳኔ ሀሳብ ለአገራችን ካላቸው የተሳሳተ ግንዛቤ ተነሳስተው እንደሆነ እና አንዳንድ ጽንፈኛ የዲሞክራሲ አባላት በሚያደርጉት ግፊት መሆኑን ገልጸዋል። የቀረበው ሪፖርት በይዘትም ቢሆን በትክክለኛ መረጃ ላይ ያልተመሰረተ ከመሆኑም በላይ የሁለቱም አገሮች ብሔራዊ ጥቅሞች የማያስከብር እንዲሁም ካላቸው ስትራቴጂያዊ ግንኙነት ጋር የማይመጥን በመሆኑ ሪፖርቱ ለምክር ቤቱ ለውሳኔ እንዳይቀርብ ጠይቀዋል። ደብዳቤ የተላከላቸው አካላትም በበኩላቸው ለጉዳዩ ተገቢውን ትኩረት እንደሚሰጡ ገልጸዋል።

**To: Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
Washington, D.C. 20515**

Honorable Speaker Ryan,

We, members of the Ethiopian community representatives in the United States, learnt that House Resolution (H. Res.) 128 on Ethiopia was introduced recently. We are sending this letter opposing this Resolution and to request you to stop the voting on the resolution.

Ethiopia and the United States of America share mutual interests and objectives. Ethiopia has been a strong ally of the United States on regional peace and security as it is a beacon of stability and key player in the horn of Africa. Ethiopia is also a strategic partner on regional counterterrorism efforts and continues to collaborate with the US on intelligence and military matters. The resolution was removed from the calendar as it would not be helpful for the bilateral relations between the two countries.

We understand the concerns of some members of Congress on human rights and democratic space in the country. It is important to understand that Ethiopia has pursued a new path in the democratization process and continues to develop institutions to strengthen the human rights protection mechanism. The government is taking concrete steps to address grievances of the people and working towards addressing the problems and challenges. Initiating such a Resolution at this point in time when the Government of Ethiopia is excreting its efforts to resolve the problems, is not only improper and untimely, it will also be counterproductive.

Some members of Ethiopian Community in the Diaspora, who support the militant opposition groups, continue to undermine the efforts in Ethiopia. They are reaching members of the Congress trying to tarnish the image of the Ethiopian government and the country's human rights records. These groups in the Diaspora are working to dismantle the government, by funding, arming and training terrorists at home and echoing their distractive activities using social media other media outlets. Moreover, they are planning to use this resolution as their instrument to achieve their ill objective of destabilizing our country of origin.

Honorable Congressman, Please stop this resolution and support Ethiopian-American friendship. We trust that you will show your support for the people of Ethiopia in their pursuit for prosperous and democratic country.

Long live the Ethiopian US relationship.

Sincerely

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- Honorable Congressman Kevin McCarthy
House- Majority Leader
- Honorable Congressman Ed Royce
House Foreign Relations - Chair
- Honorable Congressman Devin Nunes
House Intelligence Committee- Chair

List of signatories of Ethiopian community representatives

A. Religious

1. Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido church
2. Ethiopian Protestant church
3. Ethiopian Muslim community

B. Ethiopian Renaissance council

1. DC-Ethiopian Renaissance council
2. Chicago- Ethiopian Renaissance council
3. Philadelphia- Ethiopian Renaissance council

C. Development Association

1. Amhara development association
2. Oromo development association
3. Tigray development association
4. Sidama development association
5. Wolayita development association

D. Civic Association

1. Ethiopian Business council
2. UTINA main office
3. UTINA-DC chapter

E. Public Associations

1. Tigrian youth association
2. Tigrian Women association