I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen of Canada to raise my grave concerns regarding the repeated human right violations and killings happening in Ethiopia.

On October 2nd 2016 alone several hundreds of Ethiopians were massacred as a result of government forces shooting and a stampede that followed in Beshoftu where several thousands of people were gathered to celebrate an Oromo religious festival. On August 6th and 7th 2016 over hundreds of peaceful protesters were shot and killed by government security forces in several Oromia and Amhara regions in Ethiopia.

The fresh outburst of peaceful protests followed months of unrest in the Oromia region where government security forces killed more than 400 people in November 2015 alone.

Since the latest uprising, thousands of youth, men and women have been taken to Bere Sheleko concentration camp where they are being extremely mistreated by government forces.

The dynamics of the conflict is changing rapidly with the potential to turn the polarized social and political landscape into a dangerous volcano of ethnic strife with immediate implications to regional and global peace and security.

I, therefore, would like the Canadian government to put an urgent pressure on the government in Ethiopia to stop mass killings, imprisonment and torturing of its citizens and immediately engage all opposition groups in a constructive dialogue. I want the continued mass killings that is perpetrated by government forces be investigated by international observers. I like the Canadian government to advise its diplomatic mission in Ethiopia about the grave concern I have regarding the unfolding crisis in the country. Finally I want the Canadian government suspend any material and diplomatic support to the government in Ethiopia until it stops stifling dissent.

I thank you so much for the opportunity to view my concerns and look forward to hearing back from you.