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***Your MP full name***

House of Commons

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Ottawa, Ontario

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***Dear Ms or Mr. MP last name,***

I am writing this letter as a citizen of Canada living in your riding to raise my grave concern 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, over hundreds of peaceful protesters were shot and killed by government security forces in Ethiopia. These massacres took place in the Oromia and Amhara regions including Awodie, Ambo, Bahir Dar, Gondar, Konso and several other cities and towns across the country.

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.

There is overwhelming evidence that shows the government’s long standing record of extrajudicial killings, mass arrests and torture of peaceful demonstrators and political opponents.

Since the latest uprising, thousands of youth, men and women have been taken to Bere Sheleko concentration camp, in Western Gojjam, 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. I believe, if unchecked in time, the crisis will be catastrophic to Ethiopia with immediate implications to regional and global peace and security.

I am extremely alarmed by government blocking of the internet in the country to control the flow of information to social media on extrajudicial killings and mass arrest. There are clear signs that the government is panicking and recently has declared a six month state of emergency, which is unheard of in the last 26 years.

I, therefore, would like the Canadian government to put an urgent pressure on the government in Ethiopia to stop mass killings and immediately engage all opposition groups in a constructive dialogue. I urge the Canadian government to advise its diplomatic mission in Ethiopia about the grave concern we have regarding the unfolding crisis in the country and the actions of the government in Ethiopia. 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 as to what action plans you have come up with this time sensitive issue.

Sincerely,

***signature***

***Full name***