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Date: March 05, 2012

President Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC20500

Subject: **Ethnic Cleansing in Ethiopia**

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to request your government's immediate intervention to prevent a looming human disaster of immense proportion and a horrendous human rights violation in Ethiopia.

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Since United States of America has given billions of budgetary assistance and economic and democratic development funding to the government of Mr. Zenawi, you have, Mr. President, the moral and diplomatic authority to prevail upon Mr. Zenawi to abandon this evil and inhuman act. We urge you to act quickly.

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God bless the United States of America

Sincerely,

Bishu Mamo

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C. C. The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House of the US Congress
The Capitol, Washington, DC
Madam Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
The State department, Washington, DC
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CC. The Honorable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Honorable Madam Nycole Turmel, leader of the Opposition Party
The Honorable Mr. Bob Rae, leader of the Liberal Party of Canada



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CC. Madam Navi Pillay

Chief, UN Human Rights Commission

Elisabeth Rasmusson, Secretary- General of NRC

Oslo, Norway