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Dear Elizabeth, My firm JJ& B, Inc. Washington , DC and Albertine Enterprises, Inc. has been asked by important Members of the Ethiopian Community to request that a small delegation of important Members of Congress and the US Senate are invited to travel to Ethiopia! The Members will be meeting with important officials in the Ethiopian Government including the Prime Minister to get a first hand look at the current situation in the country and to better understand the gravity of the situation. The purpose of this visit is for the leaders in Ethiopian to enlist the Congressional Leaders efforts to highlight these issues within the American public! I have attached a short description of the objectives for the Congressional Delegation! I would sincerely appreciate it if you and your staff bring this invitation to the Senator for his consideration! Thank you! James Albertine, JJ& B Partner, 202-374-8463

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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ETHIOPIA

Preventing Renewed War and Strengthening U.S.–Ethiopian Relations

Why This Mission Matters

A bipartisan delegation of sitting Members of the United States House and Senate is being organized to meet with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and other relevant leaders.

The purpose is direct and urgent: help prevent renewed conflict between Ethiopia's federal government and the people of Tigray, support implementation of the existing peace agreement, and strengthen relations between the United States and Ethiopia.

The delegation role is to use the credibility and convening power of Congress to encourage dialogue before another crisis becomes a war.

The Situation

The conflict that began in November 2020 between Ethiopia's federal government and Tigrayan forces became one of the most devastating wars of this century. Hundreds of thousands are believed to have died from combat, hunger, and the collapse of essential services. Millions were displaced, communities were destroyed, and Ethiopia's economy and international relationships suffered severely.

The African Union-brokered Pretoria Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, signed in November 2022, ended large-scale fighting and created a framework for disarmament, humanitarian access, restoration of services, political dialogue, reconciliation, and the return of displaced civilians.

That agreement stopped the war, but it did not resolve many of the underlying disputes. Political divisions, competing authorities, unresolved territorial questions, displacement, economic hardship, and renewed military tensions now threaten the fragile peace.

Delegation Objectives

The Members will encourage Ethiopian and Tigrayan leaders to:

- Reaffirm that there can be no military solution.
- Restore sustained direct dialogue.
- Fully implement the Pretoria peace agreement.
- Reduce military mobilization and inflammatory rhetoric.
- Advance the safe return of displaced families.
- Support reconciliation, accountability, and constitutional resolution of disputed issues.

- Identify opportunities for expanded U.S.–Ethiopian cooperation in trade, investment, regional security, humanitarian recovery, and development.

Why Congressional Engagement Can Help

Ethiopia is Africa's second-most-populous nation, headquarters of the African Union, and a pivotal country in the Horn of Africa and Red Sea region. Renewed war would deepen humanitarian suffering, destabilize neighboring countries, weaken counterterrorism cooperation, and create opportunities for hostile regional actors.

A congressional delegation cannot negotiate peace for Ethiopians. It can reduce misunderstandings, encourage leaders to choose dialogue, and demonstrate that meaningful progress toward peace can lead to a stronger relationship with the United States.

The cost of timely engagement is modest. The human and strategic cost of renewed war would be immeasurable.