

## United States Senate

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The Honorable Antony Blinken Secretary of State U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street NW Washington, DC 20520

Secretary Blinken,

I write to express concern about ongoing violence in Ethiopia and to ask that the State Department utilize the appropriate tools at its disposal to achieve a peaceful resolution of conflict and support the security of Ethiopian civilians.

Georgia is home to a diverse and vibrant Ethiopian diaspora community. Throughout the recent conflict in Ethiopia, these constituents have played a critical role raising awareness and focusing the attention of American policymakers, most recently regarding troubling reports of violence in the Amhara region.

All Ethiopians should be free to live in peace, and it is in the national interest of the United States to play a productive role in achieving a sustainable resolution to conflict. Accordingly, I ask that the State Department take prompt and prudent action to address ongoing violence in Ethiopia and provide my office with an update about the Department's current efforts to support the peaceful resolution of conflict and advocate for the security of Ethiopian civilians.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jon Ossoff

United States Senator

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