



TAKE ACTION TO SAVE ETHIOPIA

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Dear,

At AEPAC's fly-in to Washington DC last month, I was struck by the astonishing lack of knowledge so many of our elected representatives have about the damage that has been done by delisting Ethiopia from the African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA). For example, many remain unaware that **the main group to suffer as a result of the delisting is working women and their children, as they lose their livelihoods**, or that it has enabled America's strategic adversaries -- Iran, Russia, and China -- new economic access to Ethiopia.

This state of affairs is untenable, and we must firmly but constructively educate our representatives and the Biden administration on the reasons why Ethiopia has to be relisted. Importantly, Ethiopia has moved a long way from the position it was in when the delisting took place at the beginning of this year and reversing it is a serious and achievable goal.

Vitaly, the Ethiopian government has complied with three of the US's key AGOA requirements for relisting:

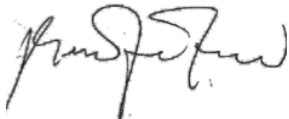
- The government has provided unfettered access to humanitarian aid
- The government initiated a truce and is pursuing lasting peace
- And they have recently allowed access to the UN Commission of Experts on Ethiopia

This means that the country is in a good position for being relisted and we must make a concerted effort to bring this issue to the fore.

The Ethiopian diaspora and our allies are the only people that can convince our elected representatives to relist the country and bring an end to the suffering of so many. **Therefore, I call on you, my friends, to do your part in helping get Ethiopia relisted on AGOA by [contacting your representative](#) today and [convincing your friends and family to do the same](#).** Through our combined direct action, we can communicate to the US government our thoughts and feelings on the matter and show them in no uncertain terms the importance of this issue to our community.

Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,



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