

PRESS RELEASE

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AEPAC Endorses Mr. Wes Moore for Maryland Gubernatorial Election

The American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC) today proudly announces its endorsement of Mr. Wes Moore (D-MD) and his running mate, Ms Aruna Miller for Maryland Gubernatorial Election in 2022.

AEPAC Chairman Mesfin Tegenu cites Wes Moore's friendly relations and continued support to the African Diaspora Community that includes tens of thousands Ethiopian Americans who live in the great state of Maryland as the basis for AEPAC's endorsement. The Ethiopian diaspora plays a vital role in advancing US/Ethiopia partnership. In this connection Mesfin noted "AEPAC's mission is to bring the U.S. and Ethiopia closer because we believe a stable Ethiopia is the best way to preserve peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and advance U.S. interests in the region. We believe Wes Moore and Aruna Miller will be a great partner in helping achieve that goal" said Mesfin and concluded "Wes and Aruna are champions for diversity and strong advocates for their constituents. We are proud to endorse them."

Aruna recently visited St. Michael Ethiopian Orthodox Church where she was enthusiastically welcomed by the leaders and members of the Church. It was a nice gesture that was much appreciated by many Ethiopians.

Wes Moore has been an inspirational leader who has rendered a distinguished service to our country and we are always proud of him. Mr. Moore is a trusted leader who celebrates diversity and who fights for equality, fairness and justice in Maryland and beyond.

Thank you!

CC: Maryland State Election Campaign Committee (MD-SECC)
C/O Elsabett Tesfaye, Chairwoman of MD-SECC
CC: Amsale Geletu, AEPAC member

About AEPAC

• The American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC) is the first Ethiopian American political action committee (PAC) which was established in March 2021. AEPAC is registered and operating under the laws and regulations of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and it is a non-partisan organization working with all political parties, groups and individuals that support its mission. AEPAC's main objective includes the creation of a strong institution that advocates for the promotion of US/Ethiopian relations. In order to achieve its mission AEPAC strives to endorse and support candidates running for

congressional, national and local offices. AEPAC also encourages and supports Ethiopian American and other African American candidates to run and win for elective offices at all levels. AEPAC also strives to protect and preserve the sovereignty of Ethiopia and the freedom of its people. For more information, please visit AEPAC website at <u>https://aepact.org/</u> or contact us at <u>info@aepact.org</u>