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NEWSLETTER

August 2024

Dear <<First Name>>,

As the U.S. congressional and presidential elections gain momentum, it is time for Ethiopian Americans to unite and ensure our voices are heard. While many of us did not have the privilege of electing our leaders in our homeland, we are fortunate to have this opportunity in our adopted country. This fall, it is crucial that we all participate in the voting process for two key reasons.

First, we can advocate for local issues, from improving neighborhood school systems to fostering business opportunities for entrepreneurs and shaping essential regulations. Second, we have the chance to influence U.S. policies that support stability, peace, and development in Ethiopia—a nation grappling with self-imposed challenges by its governing entities. Ethiopian Americans are uniquely positioned to make a meaningful impact. For those who have already responded to our previous invitation, we thank you. To those who have yet to join us, we urge you to visit www.aepact.org and click "**Donate**" to register. In U.S. politics, both money and votes hold power. Let's come together to make our voices heard—it truly matters.



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2024 Congressional Endorsements

This weekend, AEPAC released its list of 2024 congressional endorsees, which will be updated as additional candidates receive approval from the national election committee and the AEPAC board. Each endorsed candidate will receive a letter from the American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee outlining our endorsement and expressing our commitment to ongoing collaboration on both local issues and international matters related to Ethiopia. AEPAC chapters, in coordination with the national organization, will mobilize resources to support endorsed candidates in their respective regions. This is especially crucial in highly competitive states, often referred to as "swing states," including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Arizona, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Michigan, Nevada, Colorado, North Carolina, and Maine, where our efforts can influence the election outcome.

Gubernatorial Endorsement

In the gubernatorial election,

AEPAC has endorsed Matt Meyer for Governor of Delaware. Mr. Meyer, who recently met in person with the AEPAC leadership team, is a strong ally of the Ethiopian American community in Delaware. He is dedicated to advancing freedom and entrepreneurship in Ethiopia, whether in his role within government or the private sector. In early September, AEPAC, in collaboration with colleagues from the Ballard Spahr firm, will host a fundraising event and campaign in support of Matt Meyer.

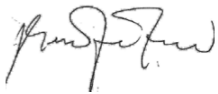
Engagement in Key States

Pennsylvania, one of the key "swing states," has seen active engagement from AEPAC leadership, including two discussions with Senator Bob Casey. Senator Casey has requested endorsement and support from the Ethiopian American community both in Pennsylvania and across the country. AEPAC has endorsed Senator Casey, and further discussions with his campaign committee are ongoing.

Presidential Election Involvement

As the presidential election approaches, AEPAC is actively working to engage with the foreign relations committees of both former President Trump and Vice President Harris to gather information on their US-Africa policies, particularly their stance on US-Ethiopia relations for 2025 and beyond. While a busy campaign may not initially focus on such issues, our collective voice as voters can ensure they do. This is why it's crucial for us to unite and make our voices heard. Let's seize this opportunity to influence the conversation.

Yours Sincerely,



Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman

AEPAC 2024 U.S. House of Representatives Candidate Endorsees

 JOHN GARAMENDI (CA - D)	 SYDNEY KAMLAGER (CA - D)	 JIMMY PANETTA (CA - D)	 RO KHANNA (CA - D)	 MCCLAIN-DELANEY (MD - D)	 STENY HOYER (MD - D)	 GLENN IVEY (MD - D)	 JAIMIE RASKIN (MD - D)
 BRIAN FITZPATRICK (PA - R)	 BRENDAN BOYLE (PA - D)	 MADELEINE DEAN (PA - D)	 CHRISSY HOULAHAN (PA - D)	 TOM KEAN JR. (NJ - R)	 CHRIS SMITH (NJ - R)	 JASON CROW (CO - D)	 BUDDY CARTER (GA - R)
 JOHN JAMES (MI - R)	 JOE WILSON (SC - R)	 DAVID SCHWEIKERT (AZ - R)	 GERRY CONNOLLY (VA - D)	 DON BEYER (VA - D)	 JOE NEGUSE (CO - D)	 ROB WYTTMAN (VA - R)	

AEPAC 2024 U.S. Senate Candidate Endorsees



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