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NEWSLETTER

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Dear <<First Name>>,

First, I hope you are enjoying a relaxing and healthy summer season. I'd like to begin this month's message by expressing my gratitude to the AEPAC Atlanta chapter, particularly Chapter Chairman Merid Bekele, for graciously hosting an AEPAC event at the annual Ethiopian Sport Federation in North America (ESFNA). This year, the AEPAC Youth Committee dispatched its delegates to Atlanta to register attendees and explain the importance of fulfilling their civic duties and how AEPAC plays a role in that.



In the last 30 days, AEPAC has made significant strides in advancing pro-Ethiopia legislation in both state houses and the U.S. Congress. We have conducted several face-to-face meetings to lobby legislators. Additionally, we have voiced our serious concerns about the IMF and World Bank providing loans to the Ethiopian government while it conducts active warfare against its own population with drones and heavy weapons, and wastes national resources on vanity projects such as palace construction at a staggering cost of \$10 to \$15 billion. Both the Africa Subcommittee in the House of Representatives and the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee have expressed their concerns about authorizing up to \$6 billion from the World Bank and IMF before resolving the ongoing crisis. AEPAC, along with several diaspora organizations, have

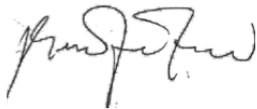
issued a letter to the presidents of the World Bank and IMF to make any fund release to the Ethiopian government conditional on stopping its war against civilians.

With a major U.S. election on the horizon, AEPAC has been reaching out to several candidates in both friendly states and closely contested areas to finalize our endorsement processes. It is critically important for all of you to log in to www.aepact.org and register by pressing "donate" so that we can amplify our influence and advance Ethiopian American interests with your representatives. This is how we will be heard and advance both local and national issues that matter to Ethiopia.

Thank you to those of you who have shared your feelings about the presidential election. As you know, AEPAC is a non-partisan organization unaffiliated with any political party or government agency. The decision to endorse one candidate over another will be based on the electability and stance of the candidates on issues that matter to Ethiopian Americans. Please continue to send us your comments or opinions about the candidates you support and why. We would like to share these in the next newsletter, which can contribute to the endorsement process.

When we came together to establish the American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee in March 2021, we had one purpose: to advance our causes locally and promote a pro-Ethiopia agenda within various U.S government bodies, to strengthen the U.S-Ethiopia bond while helping Ethiopia enjoy democracy, free press and religion, and the rule of law. We aimed to help the peaceful transition of the nation from tribal autocracy to a free society. Our mission has remained the same since then. I invite everyone who was excited about contributing to building the motherland to come together again and get the job done. Let's join hands and move forward together. Failing to do so is a serious failure for those with so much privilege.

Yours Sincerely,



Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman

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