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- 1. Your state senator (ናብ ስቴት ሰኔተር)
- 2. Your state House of Representatives (ናብ ስቴት ኮንግረስ)
- 3. Department of Homeland security (ናብ ሆምላንድ ሰኩሪትይ ኦፊስ)
- 4. State Department (ስቴት ደ*ፓር*ት መንት)
- 5. USCIS office (ኢሚግሬሽን ኦፊስ)

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STOP ERITREAN DEPORTATIONS NOW!

We – Americans of Eritrean descent – are calling for the U.S. government to save our fellow Eritreans who are here in America from imminent torture or death at the hands of the brutal, dictatorial regime that rules Eritrea. On September 13, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a directive to expedite the deportation of hundreds of Eritreans from the U.S. Those Eritreans – mostly law-abiding residents – appear to be at immediate risk of being sent home to Eritrea, where we believe they would face torture, long term imprisonment, or murder by the regime.

Eritrea: The Police State

Eritrea is a small country in the Horn of Africa. It is a police state, and it is widely referred to as "the North Korea of Africa." Its government's merciless brutality toward its citizens has been documented and denounced by the U.S. State Department, the United Nations, and many major human rights organizations. Citizens live in constant fear of surveillance, arbitrary arrest, torture, malnutrition, detention within a gulag of underground prisons, and indefinite military service under slave-like conditions. Citizens who are deported from other countries are at particular peril. We wish to voice our fears on behalf of the our Eritreans in the U.S., and to implore the U.S. government to halt any deportations until Eritrea becomes safe for the individuals to return.

Why Deportation?

The asylum seekers here are under final removal orders issued by American immigration courts. To our knowledge, few are under those orders for having committed crimes here. Rather, many or most had applied in good faith for asylum in the U.S., but they had simply lost their asylum claims. Often they lost their cases because they lacked legal counsel, because the immigration judges did not understand the dire state of human rights in Eritrea, or both. In recent years, few Eritreans have been deported from the U.S. The reason appears to have been that the Eritrean government had refused to cooperate with the deportations – specifically, had refused to issue travel documents to the individuals under final removal orders. In the September 13 directive, DHS sought to remedy that situation by causing the State Department to issue a broad ban on in-bound visas from Eritrea to the U.S., as a means of pressuring the Eritrean regime to issue the travel documents for out-bound deportees.

Why Eritrea?

Eleven additional countries have also refused to issue travel papers for U.S. deportees. But DHS chose to place visa restrictions on only four of them, including Eritrea, and to press for Eritrean deportations, apparently without considering the horrors that would likely befall those deported to Eritrea. We do not object to the ban on in-bound visas. But we fervently, and with broken hearts, object to Eritreans being deported to an excruciating fate.

We urge members of Congress to use all influence they may have to cause DHS and ICE to halt the deportation of Eritreans until that country is safe – especially Eritreans whose only shortcoming here is that their asylum claims were denied.

We believe if They deported to Eritrea, their life will be in imminent danger under the repressive regime of Eritrea. They are torture survivors in Eritrea and there is a strong chance that they will be facing the same fate as they return to Eritrea. For the past 28 years, the Eritrean government under President Isaias Afewerki has been the most dangerous regime in the world. His government is working hard to make sure the Eritrean people suffer from all kinds of traps he created. He kills, arrests and tortures the peoples of Eritrea for religious and political reasons. We will provide some links to prove the above and much more from credible news sources below.

https://www.hrw.org/africa/eritrea?gclid=Cj0KCQjwhdTqBRDNARIsABsOl9-GbA2V6AaKugKCDTsPIXZARWDdM6iVaYzvJqroJvqCRwEp7wp6dUwaAi3UEALw_wcBhttps://www.npr.org/2019/07/26/745584178/150-migrants-feared-dead-in-mediterraneans-worst-loss-of-life-this-year

One of the Eritreans deported from the USA last year named, Zeresenay Ermias Tesfatsion, committed a suicide in 2018 at a holding facility in Cairo International Airport en route to Asmara, Eritrea. The reason being, he knew what will be the consequence in Eritrea.

Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and 43 other members of Congress wrote and signed a well-documented report that articulated deporting Eritreans will be a catastrophic event.

Please read the whole report here:

https://omar.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-ilhan-omar-43-members-congress-urge-transparency-trump-administration

For the reasons mentioned above, we respectfully ask for you to reconsider the removal proceeding as we are preparing to give them proper legal representation.

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE ERITREAN Now!

George Ghebreslassie