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PRESS RELEASE

“ETHIOPIA RELEASES OPPOSITION POLITICIANS FROM PRISON” – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Oromo Community Organization of Washington DC metropolitan area (OCO DMV) welcomes the release of the illegally incarcerated Oromo opposition party leaders, including Messrs Abdi Raggasa, Michael Boran, Kennasa Ayana, Lammii Beenya, Gada Gabisa, Dawit Abdataa, and Dr. Gada Oljirraa. At the same time, it should be noted that tens of thousands of innocent Oromo civilians are still languishing in detention centers under inhumane and appalling conditions across Oromia, falsely accused of being members or supporters of the Oromo Liberation Army.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the US government and several other peace-loving nations and multilateral and bilateral international organizations who in one way or the other have influenced this modest but positive gesture. We also wish to ask the government of Ethiopia to extend this nominal gesture and immediately release the tens of thousands of Oromos in jails all over Oromia. Ethiopia's conflict ridden history unequivocally asserts political descent or conflict can never be resolved through military might. We thus humbly request Ethiopia's ruling group to stop pitting Oromo brothers and sisters against one another, end the carnage ravaging the country, allow all political parties to fairly and freely engage their citizens, allow free media, respect the citizens right to free and safe assembly, and bring to justice all those responsible for the escalated political assassinations in Ethiopia since 2028.

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