

Honorable Representative

I heard with dismay that Honorable Representative Chris Smith have introduced a Resolution on Ethiopia with a sole purpose of bringing more instability and chaos, not only in our country of origin, but also to the sub – region and beyond.

Initiating such a Resolution at this point in time when the Government of Ethiopia is taking concrete steps to address fundamental grievances that had, in the first place, triggered the protests in some parts of Ethiopia is not only appropriate and timely, it will also be counterproductive.

As known, Ethiopia has for a long time had cordial relations with the United States of America. The Ethiopian government considers America as a close ally and strategic partner in areas of mutual interests and objectives.

However, some extremist elements in the Diaspora continue to undermine the policy making process of the US Congress and Administration by tarnishing the image of the Ethiopian government and the country's human rights records.

The above mentioned extremist elements in the Diaspora are destabilizing my country of origin, by funding, arming and training terrorists at home and echoing their distractive activities using social media other media outlets.

In this regard, I urge you not to be their instrument by supporting such a Resolution that will never achieve its intended objective of punishing the Ethiopian People.

Please Congressman Vote No for this resolution and support Ethio-American friendship.

Long leave the Ethiopian US relationship.

Sincerely