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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your invitation to the Eritrean Independence Day Celebration. I regret that I am unable to join you in person today for the festivities, but wish to extend my greetings to you.

Thank you all for gathering here today at Battle Creek Regional Park to celebrate Eritrean Independence Day with families, friends, and neighbors. This celebration helps serve as a reminder for the young and your future generations about the importance of Eritrea's long hard fought struggle for independence from Ethiopia more than three decades ago. The people of Eritrea and the Eritrea Diaspora community here in Minnesota share a proud tradition. Thank you for choosing Minnesota as your new home and for enriching our community and state socially, culturally and economically.

Thank you again for your kind invitation. I wish you a successful event!

Sincerely,


Betty McCollum
Member of Congress