

Recipient: The Honourable Shelly Glover, The Honourable Christopher Alexander, Mr. Scott Reid, The Honorable John Baird, and Karen McArthur

Letter: Greetings,

Make your voice heard by signing this Petition

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| tzegay gafoo | toronto, Canada | 2014-06-26 | I'm 100% sure, that no one is committing extortion or otherwise in this incident. |
| manuele d'ercole | Rooma, Italy | 2014-06-26 | Sake of justice. |
| Solomon Berhane | Seattle, WA | 2014-06-26 | A government must remain neutral to other countries and not respond to cries of opposition groups on face value. The Canadian government must be true to itself and judge based on facts on the ground in Eritrea. Working for self-reliance and ensuring national security and sovereignty should not be considered as sins. Despite the sanctions enforced on it Eritrea is the best example of development, peace and security in the world. |
| bereket icaalo | Hamilton Ontario, Canada | 2014-06-26 | Because this is unjustified, unfounded hidden politically agenda double standard on the eye of worldwide |
| sillas wallace | Italy | 2014-06-26 | The world is full of double standard, i want to face it |
| Merhawi Kidane | Culver City, CA | 2014-06-26 | Every sovereign nation has the right to tax its citizens. The idea that I've been forced, extorted, coerced into doing so is simply baseless. |
| Elias debesay OKBAZGY | Montreal, Canada | 2014-06-26 | B/c the government is working too hard to build the countray. |
| Tzehaie Ghebrewahid | Rotterdam, Netherlands | 2014-06-26 | We have to tell them our rigt.From every corner of the world |
| Wedi Nakfa | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-26 | 2% is my duty. It's not fair to stop us from paying this. |
| yosief araya fessehaye | Oslo, Norway | 2014-06-26 | i want to open the eritrean consalte in canada |
| TEDROS KIDANE | Calgary, Canada | 2014-06-26 | 2% is my duty to help my country. Even the united states charge more than 2% on their citizens and we should have the same right. |
| Alem Dagne | windsor Ont, Canada | 2014-06-26 | It is |
| Tseghai Kidane | Kingston, CA | 2014-06-26 | The reaction taken by an external body of a government is an invasive of others identity and right pervasively. |
| Berhane Ghide | Edmonton, AB, Canada | 2014-06-26 | we need Eritrea to be present in Canada |
| yonas mhretab | Saint Gallen, Switzerland | 2014-06-26 | because it is our duty |
| Tegisty Nerayo | France | 2014-06-26 | Just because I believe that to contribute to OUR own country is not a CRIME & I do pay 2% of course. AND I have learned from the history East & West that they paid life over life to come where they are now. I KINDLY call upon the Canadian Authority to go back and read their own history if they forgot what their people DID to their new generation. I WANTED THAT they leave Eritrea to its own people. Awet Nehafash! |
| Tsehinesh Ghebresslassie | London, United Kingdom | 2014-06-26 | They have right to pay 2% to the Eritrean consulate to get better service as Canadian people do. |
| MENGESHA GEBREMICHAEL | Owings Mills, MD | 2014-06-26 | PERSONAL RIGHT |
| zewdi sium | Stockholm, Sweden | 2014-06-26 | It is our mandate to do that |
| Aklilu Habte | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-26 | As Canada Day, July 1st, is approaching my dual citizenship is in jeopardy. How come my voice cannot be heard! The question is should I return my Canadian citizenship and remain Eritrean OR should I continue to fight for my right? You hope I choose the latter!! |
| Mussie Gebreab | Clarkston, GA | 2014-06-26 | very important |

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| Saleh Ali | Gaborone (Tlokweng), Botswana | 2014-06-26 | I am signing this petition to bring to your attention because is unfair, and injustice to put under pressure the citizens of a sovereign country of not helping their parents and relatives in general is politically motivated to create vacuum among families,so absurd..... |
| tewelde bruk | Germany | 2014-06-26 | it helps eritrea to progress in economie |
| Yonathan Alem | Amersfoort, Netherlands | 2014-06-27 | Because it is legal and voluntarily |
| embaye ammanuel | Germany | 2014-06-27 | The 2% is more a voluntary statement by the Eritrean people who love their country unconditionally.eritrans are ready to sacrificelife their life to eritrea and had sacrificelife their life in the past compared to that 2% is the least that we do to our country. |
| tesfay markay | aurora, CO | 2014-06-27 | I feel that the Eritrean Canadian community has been treated unfairly by the Canadian government. Why can Eritrean Americans support their home country but Eritrean Canadians cannot? That is unjust. |
| habtom Habtegiorgis | Stockholm, Sverige, Sweden | 2014-06-27 | this important to my cantre |
| Teweldemedhin Kiflezghi | Germany | 2014-06-27 | Why Eritrea ? Why not USA ? not fair |
| tedros efrem | kouvola, Finland | 2014-06-27 | <p>As a Canadian of Eritrean origin I would like to bring to your attention that the recent articles on the National Post and CBC regarding the collection of a 2% tax by the Eritrean Consulate in Toronto do not reflect my views and experiences. The consulate has been providing essential services for many years that have helped me maintain my link with my country of origin and access valuable public service. They also allow me to help my family in Eritrea and contribute to the development of my ancestral homeland.</p> <p>I am signing this petition to bring to your attention that at no material time have I felt threatened, harassed by the staff of the Consulate of the Eritrean Embassy in Toronto. Closing the consulate would force me and my family to spend more time and money to get the same services at an Eritrean diplomatic office located in the United State. I want the Canadian government to take our needs and consideration into account when it conducts its investigations and makes a decision with regard to the Eritrean Consulate.</p> <p>To: The Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage The Honourable Christopher Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Mr. Scott Reid, Parliament Hill Office -House of Commons Make your voice heard by signing this Petition Sincerely, [Your name]</p> |
| Sam Berhane | montreal, Canada | 2014-06-27 | This is simply double standard at its best. I think this is an unfair steps taken by the government in Canada. |
| Kidisti Ressom Mahari | Madrid, Spain | 2014-06-27 | It is posetiv and good I am hapy |
| Kibrom tekeste | berkeley, CA | 2014-06-27 | I'm an Eritrean American..I have a right to pay 2% to the country of my Origin, as any citizen of any nation leaving out side of their Origin Country. It makes no sense to tell any body not to contribute to thier country of origin. |
| Aklilu Habte | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | My dual citizenship is in jeopardy as stated in Canadian constitution. No Eritrean representative in Canada places me the pre-Eritrea independence status. |

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| Isaac Teklay | Bergen, Norway | 2014-06-27 | It is their right to pay if they want... |
| Henok Ghebrezghi | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | I am Eritrean and I support this petition. |
| Samy Tam | FFM, FM | 2014-06-27 | It is our right to help our country! No one is forced to pay. It was our (diaspora) idea from the begin in, our choice and our hard earned money. STOP discrimination Eritreans for doing noble things. |
| Yohannes Mehari | Winnipeg, Canada | 2014-06-27 | I want the truth to prevail not lies. |
| Joel Bereket | Hamilton, Canada | 2014-06-27 | Its a double standard |
| Gabriel Ghebremicael | Scarborough, Canada | 2014-06-27 | It is very important to me a my family. The Consulate is a bridge to the home land. The Canadian government does not have the real facts it just follows the media fed interviews by disgruntled individuals. |
| Gherie Yosief | Edmonton, Canada | 2014-06-27 | I stand along side with Eritrea |
| Kesete Berhane | Waterloo, Ontario, Canada | 2014-06-27 | As Eritrean Canadian the Eritrean Consulate is the only service provider between me and my families and relatives for any thing I want fulfill for any request made by me or my keen. For this reason it is important. |
| Tesfagabr Berhe | Montreal, Canada | 2014-06-27 | The National Post and CBC articles do not reflect my view and experiences. The consulate of Eritrea is my access to valuable public service like any other country consulate. |
| alganesh kelati | toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | the eritrean toronto consular is my bridge to my country of origin (Eritrea) |
| Tesfazghi Berhane | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | The Eritrean consulate is the only link to my Community and Country of origin. |
| Million Woldegehri | Asmara, Eritrea | 2014-06-27 | Make my voice heard. |
| Hailegiorges Tesfatsion | Toronto ont, Canada | 2014-06-27 | My people my country need my help |
| DAWIT BELAY | toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | my identity |
| aznafsegged solomon | toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | It is my prpgatory to pay the 2% to my beloved ERITREA. We didn't ask any aid. It is our money. Do you guys want us to be parasite like most of the third world countries? Let me tell you we paid the lives of our brothers & sisters. Just we try to build our nation. Why is it o.k. for Americans? Why are having double standard? For your information most of the people in diaspora supports to the GOVERNMENT OF ERITREA; beside the saleouts. No body can stop us from paying our duty. |
| Yergalem Tesfay | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | This matter is extremely important to me. As an Eritrean citizen i feel a sense of fulfillment whenever i have the opportunity to assist in the progression of my native country. Also, as a Canadian citizen, i feel obligated to exercise the rights which i am privileged to have here (i.e right to protest). |
| Lorenzo Tesfai | Dhahran, Saudi Arabia | 2014-06-27 | Eritreans should not have their willing contribution denied. |
| Alem Stefanos | Lorton, VA | 2014-06-27 | It is very important to us because Eritrea payed her sons and daughters to gain Independence so we are helping the fathers mothers of the fallen heroes to help them to have a nice income. This is not a must by the government it is our will to do. The Canadian are good people and wonderful country let us have good friendship with you, and you will be surprised Eritrea will be the example in Africa. Thanks God bless the Canada, and Eritrea. |
| kibreab yeghin | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | it is my choice and 2% is nothing to me comparing with those who are defending and paying their life |

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| NEBIAT ASFAHA | TORONTO ONTARIO, Canada | 2014-06-27 | SAKE OF JUSTICE THERE IS NO EXTORTION I PAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CLEAN WATER HEALTH FOOD THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT FOR A GOOD REASON. |
| Tesfay Woldeab | Oceanside, CA | 2014-06-27 | It is a violation of Individual Human rights violation to dictate and deny where his/her rightly earned money chosen to spend |
| Tesfay Kefle | Bagdad, AZ | 2014-06-27 | I live in the US. Eritrean American relationship has been the worst ever. Yet, no body has deprived me of my right to contribute this very insignificant (compared to the free education I received back home) 2% rehabilitation tax. So, Canada where is all double standard coming from? After, Canada gives tones of aid to Ethiopia, the cause of all these havoc, and receives nothing; where the first mine in Eritrea is providing the Canadian government with a decent tax revenue. Moreover, there are a couple of other projects soon to come that will add revenue to Canada. So, should the Eritrean government tell the Canadian companies to pay any tax out, what would be your reaction? Please Canadian law makers, come to your senses and know who you are impacting? It sounds like some one in the government is determined to break Canada-Eritrean relationships forever and irreversibly. I beg you to think twice before committing another crime to the peace loving Eritrean people - one was made in 1952, another in 2009 and the list goes on.... |
| Oghbasilasie Haile | Helsinki, Finland | 2014-06-27 | As an Eritrean origin I would like to bring to your attention that the recent articles on the National Post and CBC regarding the collection of a 2% tax by the Eritrean Consulate in Toronto do not reflect my views and experiences. The consulate has been providing essential services for many years that have helped me maintain my link with my country of origin and access valuable public service. They also allow me to help my family in Eritrea and contribute to the development of my ancestral homeland. |
| amanuel kifle | cairo, Egypt | 2014-06-27 | is politicaly motivated, and cut Eritrean link with their parents and relaves, the 2% is not 25% to 35% that other nations request to thei citizens living out of their countries of origin. |
| Kiflom Michael | Pretoria, South Africa | 2014-06-27 | I have to do it it is my home country. |
| henok habtai | west midland, United Kingdom | 2014-06-27 | am eritrean |
| daniel kebedom | toronto ont, Canada | 2014-06-27 | when I want to give my money to Eritrea 2% . Its not enough ,brothers and sisters even gave for the home land. |
| Saleh Ali | Gaborone (Tlokweng), Botswana | 2014-06-27 | I do have responsibility for my country and my own people....etc |
| Saleh Ali | Gaborone (Tlokweng), Botswana | 2014-06-27 | This double standard interest or strategy of the Security Council is unjustifiable....at any cost hypocrisy only.... destroying the lives and future of innocent civilians. |
| Tesfai Ogbas | Toronto, On., Canada | 2014-06-27 | As Eritrean Canadian, it is our right & duty to pay 2% tax to the Motherland, Compared to the +40% cumulative tax that we pay to the Canadian government it's miniscule. |
| Aklilu Asmerom | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | Because it's my right to pay my 2% and I am signing this petition to tell the government of Canada that I have never felt threatened or intimidated by the consulate office of Toronto. |
| Mikel Mebrathu | Birmingham, United Kingdom | 2014-06-27 | am eritrean |
| Daniel Tsegay | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-27 | the truth and my rights!!! |

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| Saba Araya | Den Haag, Netherlands | 2014-06-27 | It is important for me because it is not true what the article on the National Post and CBC is written. I wish u investigat befor you dicide to close the consulat. |
| Essey Asbu | St. Paul, MN | 2014-06-27 | This is western hooliganism against African sovereignty. Canada should stop its double standards. |
| Tesfamariam Sium | Winnipeg, Canada | 2014-06-27 | I would like the conservative government to stop discriminating and unfair policy against Law obsidian Eritrean community in canada. The government behaviour to ward Eritrean government is unfair. The people who are feeding wrong information to the Canadian government are paid to lie by Ethiopia and CIA who have long standing dream to destroy Eritrea. |
| asefaw sengal | Mississauga, Canada | 2014-06-28 | cause it is JUST!!!!!! |
| Stefanos Habtom | Toronto, Canada | 2014-06-28 | As an Eritrean Canadian, my dual citizenship rights have been violated by the Canadian government for not allowing me to voluntarily pay the 2% tax asked by the Eritrean government for rehabilitation of war torn infrastructure and development of basic economic infrastructure of my ancestral country. I kindly request that you as my representative raise this issue and help us resolve this discriminatory practice by the government. Yours truly, Stefanos Habtom |
| KAHSAY GEBREYESUS | EDMONTON, AB, Canada | 2014-06-28 | It is my right to pay 2% rehabilitation tax to my country of origin . |
| Smret Kibrom | St.Gallen, Switzerland | 2014-06-28 | becous 2% is my right |
| Hanibal Tewelde | London, Canada | 2014-06-28 | Because it's my right to pay 2% tax to my own home land of Eritrean by my own way |
| Amanuel Gubsa | New Westminster, Canada | 2014-06-28 | <p>The allegation on recent article on National Post and CBC about 2% tax is baseless. I been living in Canada for more than 20 years, and neither the consulate nor a staff of the Eritrean consulate ever solicit or approach me to pay 2%. I didn't even see or heard the consulate approaching or intimidating others.</p> <p>I am happy to contribute voluntary the 2% tax, knowing these contributions are for a good cause, which my people in Eritrea are benefiting from it through reconstruction & development programs.</p> <p>I am sure the majority of the Eritrean people living in Canada do share the same opinion, and I ask the Canadian Government to take senses and an investigation of the real motive behind the complainer of this 2% before reaching the decision regarding the Eritrean Consulate,</p> <p>Regards, A.Gubsa</p> |
| SULTAN MOHAMMED | Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | 2014-06-28 | To support the people is the right of everyone who love eritrea. |
| Biniam Tareke | Stockholm, Sweden | 2014-06-28 | Thé 2% tax should be encouraged, because it is contributing to the development of Eritrea and to build childrens hospitals and schools |

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| Mr Auet Melache | Bolton, United Kingdom | 2014-06-29 | As an Eritrean Nation fulfilling my my obligations to rebuild my nation Eritrea in support of the countless sacrifices rendered by our heroic Martyrs and left behind their loved once in a selfless act so that we may all be free from oppression and perpetual enslavement of our free will to being self reliant Nation and Independent Politically and Economically. Thus for those main reasons and by virtue of my Democratic Values and Human Right enshrined in the UNDHR "United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights" and as is the case that Our Government of The people of the State of Eritrea and its Consular Services has not breached international Agreements in relation to the Vienna Convention act 1963 of Consular Relations I Demand that the Government of Canada to keep Eritrean Embassy and its consular services open and not to interfere in Eritrea's foreign and domestic affairs. I am Humbly requesting that Canadian Gov to respect the will of Eritreans and for Gov of canada to enhance its relations with Eritrea and Eritrean canadians in a fair and democratic means. |
| Abraham Hailemariam | Regina, Canada | 2014-06-29 | it is important to me because I am Canadian Eritrean. |
| Abel Yallew | kitchener, Canada | 2014-06-30 | Because this is wrong! |
| Elena Zera Aron | Edmonton, Canada | 2014-06-30 | Sir /Madam I,m Eritrean Canadian It is my right and privilege .to serve Canada and Eritrea (my root) . It is moral obligation to me as an Eritrean.No One Forced me or treated me to pay 2% ,but if I need the service then I love to pay the fee.beside I was tortured by Ethiopian regime and my home burned down .It is An Important to me .Thank you |
| Samson Johannes | Karlstad, Sweden | 2014-06-30 | Because they are unfair to us. |
| Mebrahtu Tewelde | Göteborg, Sweden | 2014-06-30 | because what Canada is doing against of Canadian Eritreans is a pure discrimination. |
| Tesfai Mehari | Garland, TX | 2014-06-30 | THAT IS UNFAIR!UNACCEPTABLE! AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OF CANADIAN ERITREANS. |
| berhane eshe | hamilton, Canada | 2014-06-30 | It is very important because i wanted my country consulate stay open to give service to eritrean nationals living in canada. |
| asmellash Ghebremikael | Hässleholm, Sweden | 2014-07-01 | important |
| fitsum kiflom | Roma, Italy | 2014-07-01 | plizz respect to aour country |
| TEDROS EFREM | Lontoo, Canada | 2014-07-01 | To: The Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage The Honourable Christopher Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Mr. Scott Reid, Parliament Hill Office -House of Commons The Honorable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International trade Karen McArthur, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada > Eastern & Southern Africa Relations Make your voice heard by signing this Petition Sincerely, TEDROS EFREM |
| Hagos Hebet | HULL, United Kingdom | 2014-07-01 | The Canadian Government stand against Eritrea is completely unacceptable. 2% is my absolute chose to give to my country and i support 100% my government. 2% too little but all Eritrean no matter where they live they always ready to pay their respective life to their country. I would like to ask the Canadian government to rethink his stand against Eritrea. We will never kneel down. |

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| fetawit kulu | Milan, Italy | 2014-07-01 | The 2% tax should be encouraged, because it is contributing to the development of Eritrea and to build childrens hospitals and schools |
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| Ghenet Gebreluel | TORONTO ONTARIO, Canada | 2014-07-01 | To get service in eritrea |
| michael woldegebriel | toronto, Canada | 2014-07-02 | I believe canada and eritrea to have good bilateral cooperation between 2 countries . |
| yordanos asfaha | stockholm, Sweden | 2014-07-02 | to get free servin in Eritrea |
| Yemane Asghedom | Voorhout, Netherlands | 2014-07-02 | i help Eritrea with 2% |