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Dear friends,

Thank you for inviting me to join you in celebrating the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eritrean's independence. While my schedule prevents me from being with you today, I know it will be an especially exciting gathering celebrating the rich heritage of the Eritrean culture.

Minnesota is home of the largest East African population, including the Eritrean Community, in the United States and I am honored to represent them in the United States Senate. I have always believed that America's strength comes from the diversity of our people. Eritreans are among those who contribute so much to the cultural and economic vitality of America, especially here in Minnesota.

As a United States Senator, I am committed to working closely with your community to help Eritrea move forward democratically, economically and to create more a peaceful future. A stable, open, and democratic Eritrea is in the interests of Eritrean's at home and here in Minnesota. On this, Eritrea's Independence Day, let us recall the historic achievement of 1993 while also looking ahead with hope for a peaceful and productive future.

As we celebrate Eritrean's independence, I know you will continue to engage with the Minnesota community at large and strengthen the already-strong bonds that unite our peoples, both here and abroad.

Thank you again for inviting me here today. I am honored to represent you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,  


Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator