

Submitter: [redacted]
On Behalf Of:
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Dear Legislators,

My name is [redacted], I live in Oregon, it is with sadness that I am writing you this testimony so that you can help in advocate for communities who are facing Genocide in Eastern and southern part of Congo.

Over the last 3 Decade the Tutsi Congolese have been targeted for who they are, How they look , and how they speak.

In Eastern Democratic republic of Congo hate speech, Lynching, Persecution,act of carnibalisation against Tutsi Congolese becoming distressingly common place.

These are government sponsored crimes against humanity and witnessed through the Congo government in DRC .

In south kivu Tutsi communities know as Banyamulenge are burned out by the Bomb in Minembwe by government forces and are subjected to unprecedented persecution in the cities such as Uvira .

In Bujumbura Burundi where there is camp for refugees for Banyamulenge they are tortured , killed and also some are taken to Unkown Destination.

In Kinshasa Congolese Tutsi and even Swahili speakers are persecuted in broad daylight.

Kinshasa reckless ethnic politics has created a fertile ground for systematic Human rights abuses, Armed groups like FDRL, Wazalendo also the Burindian forces has perpetuated great violations against Congolese Tutsi and other Vulnerable communities.

In the DRC hate speech is weaponized as a political tool figure such as as Justin Bitakwira a personal friend to President Tshisekedi of DRC and member of the Parliament from the Majority party who Declared that Every Tutsi is a natural Born Criminal and He wonder if the God who created The Tutsi is the same that created Congolese.

This phenomenon is not new, in 1998 former vice president and former minister Abdullahi yelodia predicted that the Tutsi will face the same fate as the Jews in World war two and dehumanize them calling them “ microbes that must be eradicated methodically “. As I am writing this email the Banyamulenge villages in Minembwe south kivu are being bombed by attacked drones from the Congolese Army.

Under the universal declaration of human right all human beings are equal yet a double standard is evident in the treatment of Tutsi community in DRC. How can the word remain silent in such injustice? Being a tutsi Congolese is a death sentence?Tutsi Congolese lives matter and Justice needs to be Served.

I am pleading that you held the government of Congo accountable of this atrocities and to instruct President Tshisekedi Felix to found the root cause and let all citizen

live in peace and Equally as all Congolese.

I am happy to provide more information or details on this matter in case you would like to reach me I have provided my email on the top.

Thank you so much for taking this into consideration and I am looking to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
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