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### **COALITION FOR H.R. 2003**

The Coalition for H.R. 5680 is pleased to announce that effective immediately it will be known as the **Coalition for H.R. 2003**.

The name change was made following the introduction of H.R. 2003, "Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007" by Congressman Donald Payne of New Jersey on April 23, 2007.

Among the original co-sponsors of H.R. 2003 include Congressmen Michael Honda (D-CA), Chairman, Ethiopia Caucus, William L. Clay (D-MO), James Moran (D-VA) and Congresswoman Diane E. Watson (D-CA).

#### **H.R. 2003 Replaces H.R. 5680**

H.R. 2003 replaces H.R. 5680, which was introduced in 2006. A copy of H.R.2003 and other related information is available at <http://www.hr2003.org> and

[http://www.ethiomediamedia.com/articles/congressman\\_payne\\_introduces\\_new\\_legislation.html](http://www.ethiomediamedia.com/articles/congressman_payne_introduces_new_legislation.html)

[http://www.abugidainfo.com/pdf/hr5680\\_04202007.pdf](http://www.abugidainfo.com/pdf/hr5680_04202007.pdf)

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#### **Coalition for H.R.2003**

The Coalition for H.R.2003 is a grassroots alliance of groups, organizations and individuals who are deeply concerned about human rights in Ethiopia today, and have committed to work collectively for passage of H.R. 2003, as they did previously for H.R.5680.

The Coalition takes no position on the perspectives, orientations, views, policies or programs of its coalition members, and respects the individual positions of all its members. The Coalition does not align itself with any particular political groups,

domestic or foreign, and aims to generate awareness and wide support in the Ethiopian American and mainstream American communities for H.R. 2003.

The Coalition for H.R.2003 aims to empower Ethiopian-Americans to use their constitutional rights to promote democracy and human rights in Ethiopia. The coalition specifically seeks to:

- **Educate** Ethiopian-Americans on issues of democracy and human rights in Ethiopia.
- **Organize, mobilize and engage** Ethiopian-Americans to undertake grassroots advocacy in the U.S Congress to pass H.R.2003.
- **Raise public awareness and acquaint elected officials** in the United States on the dismal human rights situation in Ethiopia.
- **Promote consciousness of citizenship** rights in the Ethiopian-American community.
- **Act on public policies** that affect Ethiopia; and on its website
- **Provide a clearinghouse** for information and materials on H.R. 2003 and related legislative activity at the federal and local levels.

#### **HR2003.org**

The web address used by the Coalition until now ([hr5680.org](http://hr5680.org)) will remain functional and operative. HR2003.org and HR5680 are cross-referenced for internet search purposes, and are accessible by using either domain name.

The email used by the Coalition ([passhr5680@hr5680.org](mailto:passhr5680@hr5680.org)) may be used for communication.

The HR2003.org web site contains information and analysis created by coalition members, and links to relevant external sources that support H.R.2003. Information and resources posted on the Coalition's web site are intended for use by supporters of H.R. 2003.

#### **Email Address**

The current email address ([passhr5680@hr5680.org](mailto:passhr5680@hr5680.org)) for the Coalition may be used to communicate with the Coalition.

An alternative email address ([passhr2003@hr2003.org](mailto:passhr2003@hr2003.org)) will be activated soon.