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Dear Attorney General,

I am writing to express my concern about the situation of Bekele Gerba. He is the deputy chairman of the Oromo Federalist Congress. Gerba was arrested on 24 December 2015. On 13 July 2017, the charges against him were changed to "provocation and preparation" to commit "outrages against the Constitution or the Constitutional Order". The court found that there was not enough evidence to proceed with charges under the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation. He was granted bail on 30 October 2017, but the charges against him still stand.

I urge you to drop the charges against Bekele Gerba immediately, and allow him the right to speak freely on the human rights situation facing Oromos and other Ethiopians.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,