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The Honorable Senator Ted Cruz

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Gratitude and Appreciation from the Somaliland Community of Minnesota

Dear Senator Cruz,

On behalf of the Somaliland Community of Minnesota, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your leadership and advocacy for the recognition of the Republic of Somaliland.

We were deeply encouraged by your remarks during the November 10 Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing, where you emphasized that Somaliland is not Somalia and called for the United States to recognize Somaliland as an independent nation. Your point that recognition could advance America's national security interests in the Horn of Africa reflects a clear understanding of Somaliland's strategic location along the Gulf of Aden and its potential contributions to regional stability, maritime security, and economic and diplomatic cooperation with the United States.

For more than three decades, Somaliland has maintained its own governing institutions and worked to preserve peace, stability, and democratic self-governance. Its people have remained committed to peaceful political processes despite significant regional challenges.

Your willingness to raise this issue and urge the State Department to reconsider its approach sends an encouraging message to Somalilanders at home and throughout the diaspora. We respectfully hope you will continue your leadership and encourage the administration to take meaningful steps toward formal recognition of Somaliland's sovereignty.

Thank you for standing with the people of Somaliland and for recognizing the potential for a strong partnership that could benefit both nations and contribute to peace and security in the Horn of Africa.

Respectfully,

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