The Honorable Representative XXXXXX

Their DC Office Building Address

City, State Zip

Date

Your Name

Your Home Address

City, State Zip

Dear Representative xxxxx,

As a member of your constituency, I am writing to bring to your attention the troubling situation in Sudan and the absence of an effective response from the US government to help end the situation - and bring lasting peace to the area.

The oppression and violation of the rights of the Sudanese has been ongoing for over 18 years. In 2002, the al-Bashir regime began a genocide that resulted in the slaughter of at least 300,000 indigenous Africans in Darfur plus over 3 million driven out of their homes and yet unable to return because of continued attacks by the government-sponsored Janjaweed (RSF). Subsequently, attacks in the Nuba Mountains and the Blue Nile regions has continued for 10 years, resulting in nearly another million people being displaced.

I am concerned that while the Sudan regime continues its gross human rights violation against its own people, the US Government continues negotiating normalization and fails to hold Sudan accountable.  As a result, the regime has been emboldened and the suffering spreads across the country. In response to the government-induced suffering and gross human rights violations, the people of Sudan protested and demanded a civilian government that would transform Sudan into a democracy. In April 2019, al-Bashir was ousted and the military assumed control with promises to surrender leadership power to civilians. Instead, they ordered a massacre against peaceful protesters which resulted in the killing of over 150 people in Khartoum and 17 in Darfur. Attacks against civilians in Darfur and all across Sudan have continued at a horrific pace to this day. More recently, a negotiated agreement to share power between the Military and civilians has failed to meet the minimum of the Sudanese demand. Instead, it has given more power to the Military, with no accountability measure or any grantees for implementation. It appears obvious that the Military will not cede its power at the end of the negotiated term and will continue to oppress the people of Sudan.

I urge you to speak up for human rights and justice in Sudan and demand that the US create a Sudan policy based on the protection of human rights, restoration of the rule of law, criminal accountability  and promotion of respect for human dignity across Sudan. Lasting peace cannot be achieved without accountability for the genocide committed in Darfur, crimes in the Nuba Mountains, the Blue Nile and the recent massacres committed by the Janjaweed (Rapid Support Force) in both Khartoum and Darfur. The US is a leading government in the world with a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council and, therefore, has a responsibility to act in the case of attacks against civilians and to hold those responsible liable for their actions.

I urgently request that you demand that the present Administration take the following measures to bring lasting peace with justice in Sudan:

* Impose targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for crimes,
* Criminal accountability for genocide,
* Prevention of entrance into the US for those responsible for crimes committed in Darfur and Sudan at large,
* Maintain Sudan on list of terrorist sponsored countries until democracy is realized,
* Call for the US to not normalize relations with Sudan ​or forgive its debt as long as the Military is in charge of the interim government.

Sincerely,

Your Name

In solidarity with the Darfur Women Action Group