**VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE**

**“Defending America’s Christian Heritage”**

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David Theis

Press Secretary and Spokesperson

The World Bank Group

Dear Mr. Theis,

It’s with regret I am writing you this letter, but it has now been some fifty (50) days since Bishop Collins and I met with you and your staff (of eight) about the racial discrimination case of former World Bank Economist, Dr. Yonas Biru. Bishop Collins, myself, and the others in our group felt there was a clear meeting of the minds and consensus to immediately bring this racial discrimination case to a close. I felt reassured of a positive outcome from our meeting when I received your email later that afternoon.

A few days later I was off for a twelve-day trip to meet with South Africa’s Christian political leaders. It was a productive trip, but I returned with a respiratory virus that slowed me down for several weeks. I have only recently been catching up on my messages and emails. Last week I read the letters and hearing reports you provided at our May 28 meeting. I was already familiar with most of it.

I then read the correspondence since that meeting. There were emails from Bishop Collins, Dr. Parson, Dean Nelson and our Virginia Christian Alliance Advisory Attorney and ancillary related emails.

I am both troubled and disappointed to see what I call a “stonewall”, a standoff occurring while I was in Africa.

Let me review my activities and thoughts about the Yonas Biru discrimination case, which by the way was a cause and effect of the Obama Administration in partnership with Bank President Kim.

* 1. I was introduced to Yonas Biru some 18 months ago by a close friend. I agreed to look into his case. During these many months I have read and filled a Rubbermaid container of related articles, emails, reports,
  2. I have shared packets of case related information with three Republican U.S. Congressmen, one Senator, nineteen White House staffers, and a complete binder to one of President Trump’s direct connections which I personally hand-delivered at breakfast in The White House Mess.
  3. I’ve sent a number of letters to World Bank leaders, and know they have been seen and shared multiple times. Several of these letters were endorsed by some thirty-two (32) pro-life partners.
  4. I personally hand-delivered a full chronological case binder to the Senior Editor at The Washington Times. I have also talked with a Washington Post reporter regarding my concerns about a number of World Bank related issues. Many people have a lot of information about these issues.
  5. Ken Cuccinelli, former Virginia Attorney General and a long-time friend, was brought into this case. Ken published several op-ed articles and met with a Senior Bank staffer. In fact, as I left for South Africa, I felt confident that upon my return to Richmond Yonas Biru’s case would be settled. Since my return I have consulted attorneys having experience in these matters regarding options going forward.
  6. In going through this collection of material I came across another World Bank related issue causing me grave concern. I have in mind that there is a series of articles, possibly a book, about issues such as a history of racial discrimination, abortion advocacy to control population and poverty, a sexual promiscuity agenda, religious freedom, manipulation of poverty numbers, and special lending terms to China, India and others.

There is a total lack of transparency about World Bank activities and policy. In fact, I think it’s safe to say our U.S. Representatives and Senators know little, if anything, about where two billion taxpayer dollars go every year. It is my thought America would be better served suspending World Bank contributions and giving those monies directly to countries and projects the U.S. can oversee and influence directly.

Mr. Theis, you and I, and many of those associated with the World Bank are American citizens. Our first loyalty, after God and Family, is to our country, not to our “job”. When serving in the U.S. Army, I raised my hand and swore allegiance to the United States of America, not to my MOS, army unit, or any officer, but to the United States. It is my homeland, my country. I believe you and all Americans working at the World Bank have a first obligation of looking to the best interests of our Nation. Turning a blind eye to the current culture of corruption and lack of transparency is not serving the best interest of our United States.

I urge you, and all those receiving this letter, to make every effort to re-engage on this racial discrimination case to bring about a satisfactory settlement and closure. This issue is not going to just go away.

I understand Bishop Collin’s group, African American Bishops for Justice, are organizing a “mass prayer and protest arrest” in front of the White House. This is a crime that was committed and perpetrated during President Obama’s two terms.

As one who has extensively reviewed this case, I know how the Obama administration and the Congressional Black Caucus colluded with the Obama appointed former World Bank President Jim Yong Kim to suppress the liberal media. The Biru story was covered in conservative newspapers such as Breitbart, the Washington Times, the Washington Examiner, the Hill, IJR, Townhall, etc.

It does not make sense to me why a Trump-appointed World Bank President fails to address the injustice. It will be a shame if President Trump is dragged into this when the injustice occurred and was covered up by the Obama administration. I have no doubt in my mind that the liberal media will give the “mass prayer and protest arrest” in front of the White House wall-to-wall coverage in an attempt to blame President Trump for not taking action to resolve this case. The whole thing does not make sense to me.

I appreciate your immediate attention facilitating closure to this case, and I would welcome an opportunity to discuss other issues with World Bank leaders.

Best regards,

Donald N. Blake

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Virginia Christian Alliance