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A Thank you Letter to the City Councilors of the City of Lowell, MA

Dear City Councilors:

The citizens of your Sister City in Bamenda and citizens of the soon-to-be sovereign Republic of Southern Cameroons, both at home and in the diaspora, would like to thank you for unanimously voting on May 2, 2017 to pass a Resolution in support of self-determination and democratic freedom for our people.

While it may be argued that resolutions do not have enforcement powers, no one would deny that they carry a moral virtue that is universally powerful and timeless. This can be seen in the results that the passage of your Resolution did for our cause immediately after it was passed:

1. Thanks to the passage of the May 2nd Resolution in the Chambers of Lowell City Council, the government of French-speaking Cameroun was shamed into re-instating internet service to the English-speaking people of Southern Cameroons. Prior to the passage of this Resolution, the English-speaking regions of Cameroon were denied access to the internet. Anyone familiar with the history of genocidal governments, including the history of the Rwanda genocide, should remember that media blackout is generally a prelude to genocide. There is unanimous belief in our community that your vote – the vote you cast in these Chambers on May 2, 2017, helped prevent genocide and other forms of mass killings in Southern Cameroons.

2. Thanks to the passage of the May 2nd Resolution in the Chambers of Lowell City Council, a major American law firm that is working to find a legal pathway for the restoration of the independence of the English-speaking people of Southern Cameroons now has an important moral document on which to build its case. The law firm has actually gone beyond praising the Lowell City Council, to quietly appealing to local governments in cities across the United States to follow Lowell's precedent-setting example.

3. Thanks to the passage of the May 2nd Resolution in the Chambers of Lowell City Council, there is a rebirth of hope and enthusiasm in people of Southern Cameroons. Victims who would have otherwise

given up or resigned themselves to the machinations of the persecutor now know that not only do they have a listening ear out there, they know they have advocate.

In passing the May 2nd 2017 Resolution in support of freedom for the people of Southern Cameroons, you proved once again that you are that city on a hill – the city whose light brightly shines, to illuminate paths to freedom for regions and countries of the world that are yet to find freedom.

Finally, in passing the May 2nd 2017 Resolution in support of freedom for the people of Southern Cameroons, you proved once again that you believe in the universality of the preamble to the American Declaration of Independence that says:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...”

On behalf of the soon-to-be freed citizens of Southern Cameroons, The African community of Lowell, I once again would like to say,

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

Sign

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tassang Wilfred', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Tassang Wilfred
Secretary General