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Dear Mr. Wake,

Constant Moussavou is due to be forcibly removed from the UK tosay Friday 14th November 2008 on Ethiopian Airlines flights ET701/ET841 from Heathrow at 21:00 hrs.

He came to the UK from the Republic Of Congo (Brazaville)(RCB) five years ago. He is a devout Christian and an active member and organiser of the Union Pan Africaine Pour la Democratie Sociale (UPADS). His brother was imprisoned in 2000 by the RCB government and he has not seen him since. Constant was arrested with 42 other UPADS members in June 2003. With some help from a local official, he managed to escape and arrived in south London where he was attacked by a gang of white racists and suffered a head injury.

Since coming to Leicester, he has played an active role in St Margaret's Church where he is a regular member of the congregation. Canon Barry Naylor, parish priest of the Abbey and Holy Spirit team ministries in Leicester, says that 'several of Constant's political colleagues have gone missing since returning to the country and that it was a most unsuitable place to be sending anyone. Constant has made such a positive contribution, especially in his role as a voluntary street pastor, working late into the night'.

He has also been an active member of the Leicester Civil Rights Movement and Chris Goodwin, LCRM secretary commented that his application for asylum, via a Legacy claim was still in progress'.

Members of his church and LCRM are shocked and outraged at his detention and threatened deportation.

Sir Peter Soulsby, Leicester South MP is supporting Constant and has requested the Home Office to re-examine the case!

In the light of the Home Office's recent statement that "Airline captains have the right to refuse carriage of a passenger and will do so if they feel appropriate for security or commercial reasons", I urge Ethiopian Airlines not to carry out this forced removal.

Yours Sincerely,

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