

Pro-Life Federation International

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Erik Bethel
Alternate US Executive Director
World Bank
1818 H Street, NW
Washington DC 20

Re: World Bank \$16 Billion Whistleblower Betrayed by the Obama Administration

Dear Mr. Bethel:

We represent an array of Trump supporters. We are founders and leaders of Veterans for Trump, Evangelist Ministers for Trump, African American Ministers for Trump, Pro-Life Advocates for Trump, Christian Alliance for Trump, Advisory Board Members of National Minority Coalition for Trump, Minority Outreach Council for Trump, members of the Republican National Committee, Republican State Senators, Conservative Radio Hosts and Podcasters, professors, and authors.

We have led prayers in the White House, mobilized evangelical voters in every nook and cranny of the United States, and spoken at campaign rallies, testifying President Trump's vision and love for America. We are believers that America under President Trump is radically different from America under President Obama.

One of the signature accomplishments of the Trump administration has been the broadening of the civil rights space to honor and protect the unborn. The world at large has taken note of this fundamental shift in policy. We are joined in this petition by international advocates for life, including leaders of Doctors for Life International, Voice of Life India, African Christian Action, among others.

The petition is addressed to President Donald Trump and has been mailed to the White House. We are copying the Ethiopian Ambassador to the US with a kind request to transmit a copy of the letter to the Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed, as the World Bank whistleblower is of Ethiopian origin.

However, we believe that the issues we are raising should be addressed by the US Treasury Department. Attached you will find three documents. The first is a copy of the letter to President Trump. Two are supporting documents.

Peddling Poverty for Fundraising to Support Abortion

As so often happens with Washington scandals, the cover-up is far worse than the original crime. This is the story of a disturbing crime committed by Iranian, Russian, Chinese and Turkish World Bank officials against American taxpayers and a whistleblower. The only thing worse was the Obama administration's cover up of the crime.

In 2008, the World Bank published fabricated international economic data that inflated the global poverty headcount by over 600 million people. At the snap of a finger, the number of poor people in the world leapfrogged from less than 600 million to 1.2 billion.



The Bank's high-powered researchers were quick to amplify the data in widely circulated reports with such titles as "The Developing World Is Poorer Than We Thought" ([Chen and Ravallion](#)), and "Even Higher Global Inequality Than Previously Thought" ([Milanovic](#)).

Armed with such reports, World Bank officials pulled at the heartstrings of Western donors. [The US's contribution to Multilateral Development Banks](#) increased from a yearly average of \$2.6 billion for the 4 years before the inflated data was published to a yearly average of \$4.6 billion over 8 years, after the fraudulent global poverty data was published. See attached Annex 1: "Peddling Poverty for Fundraising..."

The data fabrication was brazen. An Iranian senior director of the Bank's data work sent a Russian economist to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the Philippines with a data fabrication software. The Russian demonstrated to an ADB official "a computer program that he had developed that would generate PPP [economic data] as per his choice for any country." A senior official at the ADB thwarted the plan. Click [here](#) for the ADB official's signed statement.

In Washington, the Russian economist moved all the data including Asia's data from World Bank institutional server to his personal laptop, transferred the data from institutionally certified data processing software to his own data fabrication software, and had a lock put on his office door, with the knowledge and approval of the Iranian Senior Director. The only two other people with access to the data and the software were an American consultant and a Lebanese research assistant (See Annex 1 for details).

[An independent report](#) found that the resulting global economic data shrank China's and India's economies by 40% and 36%, respectively. Consequently, the number of poor people in the world, whose condition calls for immediate relief, was overblown by over 600 million, jacking the number up from 571 million to 1.2 billion.

Professor Angus Deaton of Princeton, a Nobel Laureate in Economics and a member of the Bank's Technical Advisory Group, summarized it best when he told [the Financial Times](#): *"The World Bank's main task was fighting poverty, and its very existence depended on its own poverty measures. I think they have some institutional bias towards finding more poverty rather than less."*

As taxpayers, we are outraged that an institution we are hosting and financing is using fabricated data to swindle us. As pro-life advocates, we are outraged even more because a portion of the money is used to finance abortion mills around the world.

The fact that the World Bank is a major player in the global abortion space is explained in the attached Annex 2 "Abortion as a Tool to End Global Poverty."

We are disturbed to note that the World Bank has implicated the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the fraudulent and secretive data processing work (See Annex 1). We are kindly asking Mr. Louis Marc Ducharme of IMF and Mr. Charles Lufumpa of AfDB to transmit this note along with the attached documents to the US Executive Directors to the IMF and AfDB.

A Whistleblower Betrayed by the Obama Administration

Yonas Biru, who exposed the data fabrication scam was terminated with trumped up charges. This has been documented by the Government Accountability Project (GAP) and by US Senator Chris Van Hollen in 2016.

The first paragraph in GAP's report highlighted that Biru "was terminated after making protected disclosures about data fabrication involving China, India and 21 African countries." Asia (mostly India and China) and Africa accounted for over 500 million of the fabricated poverty headcount data.

This is a case, as you may know, that has sparked outrage across the conservative-liberal political spectrum. Twenty-six members of the US Senate and House of Representatives, leaders of over 500 religious organizations, the World Bank's own Chief Ethics Officer and Senior Advisor for Racial Equality, as well as the Staff Association have called for justice. All to no avail.

As Breitbart News noted, Biru's case prompted the US Congress to pass a whistleblowers law. However, the World Bank has made effort to suppress the whistleblowing case, focusing instead on Biru's racial discrimination claims. Obviously, it is easier to defend racial injustice against one person than to defend a whistleblower case that involved scamming US taxpayers.

Whistleblowers who defend American taxpayers from institutional scam should be protected and honored, not betrayed. Far from it, the Obama administration actively covered up the crime, going as far as willfully echoing World Bank's proven false assertions and outright lies. Click [here](#) to see eight instances where the Obama Treasury willfully made misleading remarks and outright false statements in all critical areas of Biru's case.

We are signing this petition with full confidence that the Trump administration will reject the institutional lies that the Obama administration willfully embraced to cover up a major crime against American taxpayers and a courageous whistleblower. What separates the Trump administration from the Obama administration is that people who defend America and America's interest are protected and recognized, not betrayed.

We believe that Biru deserves the full support of the Trump administration. His case should be treated as a precedent-setting case that will encourage other potential whistleblowers, including pro-life advocates and anti-corruption elements within the World Bank to speak up without the fear of retribution.

Sincerely,

Donald Blake
Founder and President