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To the Prime Minister, Members of Parliament, Editors, and the People of Jamaica,

Since the Oct 8, 2013, a historical bill has been enacted by Parliament which gives the Church of Haile Selassie I legal standing in the country of Jamaica.

We as members of the Church of Haile Selassie I are looking forward to returning to Jamaica with our families and participating in the economy, running businesses and taking care of our families. So it was disappointing when we did not hear any 'official' word from the Prime Minister or any member of Parliament on the enactment of this law to make the people of Jamaica aware of this historical act of parliament.

So it leaves me to wonder, "are they trying to 'sweep' us under the rug once more", because as stated in the Jamaican Gleaner Online, Oct 27, 2013; it noted that Senator Lambert Brown stated "...that despite the persecution, Rastafarians have led the way, adding that Jamaica would have been a better place had the country followed many of the teachings of Rastafarianism."

With that said, why have we not heard anything about the Church of Haile Selassie I (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2013?

This goes to show how important it is for the Rastafarian Community to have a voice in Parliament to speak on our behalf and there is no one more qualified than Abuna Ammanuel Acento Foxe; since he is the President of the Imperial Ethiopian World Federation and leader of the Rastafarian Community who has steadfastly spoken to advance the cause of the Rastafarian Community.

Ammanuel Acento Foxe has been advocating for the Rastafarian Community for over 60 years and is the one qualified to be our voice in Parliament. So, we are asking the Jamaican government to consider our plea, because we as Rastafarian people, who are Jamaican Nationals, would like to know that this law means something to help us build up our country and partake in the economy, build schools and clinics in areas that people have been forgotten. We want to become farmers and teachers of moral and ethical values, fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

So if we don't have a voice in Parliament, and for the past 2 years the current government has said nothing about "the Church of Haile Selassie I (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2013", then it is important for the Rastafarian Community to know that we need representation; and that we have that representation in Abuna Ammanuel Acento Foxe.

Now, it is up to the government of Jamaica to do the right thing and give us, the Rastafarian Community, our true representation, a Rastafarian Senator to give us a voice in our country that we love and want very dearly to return to; but if the police don't know, if the banks or schools don't know, or the hospital, or the people of Jamaica don't know, then we face the same typical treatment as in the past. Once again, our desire and wish is for you to appoint Abuna Ammanuel Acento Foxe as Rastafarian Senator to represent our beloved Rastafarian Community in the Jamaican Parliament.

This is our diplomatic means for having representation in the country we love.

In the name of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I, help us to help Jamaica.

I am,

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