

**Suggested format for calling Senators on the Judiciary Committee
about Senate Bill S. 2970.**

Be courteous and professional:

1. Identify yourself and why you are calling:

"Hello, my name is _____. I am calling Senator _____ about Senate Bill S. 2970 that was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee."

2. Advise that you are against this bill and ask that the Senator vote against it:

"I am against this Senate Bill and Senator _____ should vote against it if it comes up for a vote at the Judiciary Committee."

3. Explain why you are against the bill:

"Senate Bill S. 2970 would eliminate the Columbus Day Federal Holiday by changing it to Indigenous Peoples Day. Columbus Day must be preserved for the 25 million Italian Americans, as it represents an apology for the horrible treatment and discrimination Italian immigrants endured."

President Biden confirmed the critical importance of Columbus Day to Italian Americans in his Presidential Proclamations in 2022 and 2023."

Italian Americans are a recognized group under the 14th amendment of the Constitution – changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day is a violation of civil rights and an insult to Italian Americans across the country."

4. Repeat the objection to the Bill:

"Therefore, I urge Senator _____ to oppose Senate Bill S. 2970 and not discriminate against Italian Americans."

6. Request hearing back from the Senator:

"I would like to hear back from Senator _____ about my request. My phone number is _____ and my email address is _____. Thank You."



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Senate Judiciary Committee For Opposition to Senate Bill S-2970



Below are the Senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee with their phone numbers.

Senate Bill S-2970 to eliminate the Federal Columbus Day Holiday, is in this committee. It is vitally important this bill not pass this committee. This Bill was cosponsored by 13 Democrats, 3 of which are on this committee. We need at least 1 of the Democrat Senators to vote against this Bill in this committee.

We ask everyone to take the time to call these Senators, especially the Democrats, who have the majority, to ask them to vote against this Bill. (A phone call is worth 10 or more emails, so please call.)

When you call you will probably get an Aide – ask them to tell the Senator that you request they vote against Senate Bill S-2970 so that the Federal Columbus Day holiday is not eliminated.

Attached is a suggested format for your call. Feel free to use this, or your own words. Remember to be courteous, polite and professional. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

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| 1. Dick Durbin (D-IL) | 1-202-224-2152 |
| <i>CHAIR</i> | |
| 2. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) | 1-202-224-2921 |
| 3. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) | 1-202-224-3244 |
| 4. Chris Coons (D-DE) | 1-202-224-5042 |
| 5. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) | 1-202-224-2823 |
| 6. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) | 1-202-224-6361 COSPONSOR |
| 7. Cory Booker (D-NJ) | 1-202-224-3224 COSPONSOR |
| 8. Alex Padilla (D-CA) | 1-202-224-3553 COSPONSOR |
| 9. Jon Ossoff (D-GA) | 1-202-224-3521 |
| 10. Peter Welch (D-VT) | 1-202-224-4242 |
| 11. Laphonza Butler (D-CA) | 1-202-224-3841 |
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| 12. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) | 1-202-224-5972 |
| <i>RANKING MEMBER</i> | |
| 13. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) | 1-202-224-3744 |
| 14. John Cornyn (R-TX) | 1-202-224-2934 |
| 15. Mike Lee (R-UT) | 1-202-224-5444 |
| 16. Ted Cruz (R-TX) | 1-202-224-5922 |
| 17. Josh Hawley (R-MO) | 1-202-224-6154 |
| 18. Tom Cotton (R-AR) | 1-202-224-2353 |
| 19. John Kennedy (R-LA) | 1-202-224-4623 |
| 20. Thom Tillis (R-NC) | 1-202-224-6342 |
| 21. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) | 1-202-224-3344 |