

My Testimony on HB16-1135

Madam Chair Members of the committee Thank you for letting me speak today
 My name is Tony Polisi American Marine Father and Husband for 39 years Christian Missionary for 4 years.
 I served my country proudly during Vietnam and I serve my country here today.

I oppose this bill because:

In my conversations with Joseph Salazar He quotes the Doctrine of Discovery as his reason to attack Columbus. The Doctrine of Discovery quotes.

The Treaty of Tordesillas, from (June 7, 1494) is an agreement between Spain and Portugal aimed at settling conflicts over lands newly discovered or explored by Christopher Columbus and other late 15th-century voyagers Spain and Portugal had the conflicts, NOT Italy or Italians. Columbus explored, Spaniards and Portuguese conquered.

2 years after Columbus

Discovered or explored

Columbus was late 14th and early 15th

Why do I tell you this?

It's because Joseph Salazar is obviously smart.

He chooses not accept the truth.

The truth is Columbus discovered new lands.

The truth is Spain and Portugal conquered. Do we speak Italian or Spanish in South America?

The truth is Salazar is a Legislator for sale.

His second job or is it his first job is as partner at the law firm of Smith, Shellenberge & Salazar. There is a huge conflict of interest here.

He even boasts about this bill on his Law firms web page and FB page.

The facts are Columbus has nothing to do with the Doctrine of Discover. No one blames Einstein for nuclear weapons so why does Columbus get credit for invading the Americas?

How many times has the bill been taken off the docket? This is the 3rd.

This is Harassment and Bigotry against Italian Americans. We celebrate Columbus for his Courage and Intelligence and lighting the spark that became THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I ask you now to show me one time Americans celebrated Columbus Day for conquering the native Americans. Vote yes If you can. If not you must vote no.

Tell Joseph Salazar to pick another day for Indigenous Peoples day. Then we can all celebrate the diversity of America.

A Complaint with the Independent Ethics Committee has been submitted. Joseph Salazar is clearly in violation of the 3rd Article of the Colorado Constitution. He is a full partner in a law firm that has the same clients that encouraged Him to propose this Bill today. Colorado Constitution Article XXIX Ethics in Government

Thank you Do you have any questions for me.

Tony Polisi