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Italians Living Abroad
Columbus Day Parade Celebration

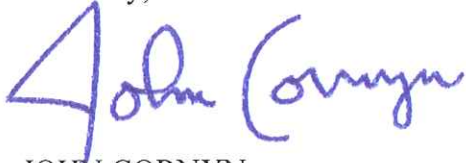
Dear Friends:

In 1866, Italian immigrants living in New York City chose October 12th as a day to celebrate, not only Christopher Columbus's discovery of the Americas, but also the myriad accomplishments of Italian Americans throughout our country's history. Columbus Day became a national holiday in 1937, and it represents a proud tradition that continues today.

Italian Americans have had a tremendous impact on our society, and their collective story epitomizes the ideals of freedom, opportunity, and upward mobility. This morning's parade, the first ever in the history of the City of Dallas, is a fitting tribute and an important reminder of the profound influence Italian culture has had on the fabric of American life.

I want to thank the organizers for putting together today's events, and I want to thank Italian Americans across Texas for their lasting contributions both to our state and to our country.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator