

A Message from CSJ President John A. Fratta

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President of the Commission for Social Justice®



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As President of the Commission for Social Justice® (CSJ), I have always felt a deep responsibility to our community, and that means showing up, speaking out, and making sure our concerns are taken seriously. As the anti-defamation and positive image arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), the CSJ exists to ensure that the voices, dignity, and contributions of Italian Americans are heard, respected, and protected at every level of public life.

Over the past several months, I put that belief into action. On behalf of our community, I have corresponded directly with public officials, institutional leaders, and community partners—issuing letters of support for efforts that uplift Italian Americans, and raising concerns when policies or actions threaten our heritage, our image, or our rights.

Below, I am pleased to directly share that correspondence, as well as other exciting pieces of news from my time as President. If you, or anyone you know see or experience any instances of anti-Italian discrimination, harmful legislation, or any instances of stereotyping in the media, please [click here](#) to contact us.

On behalf of the CSJ, I thank each of you for your support of our important work, and for your efforts to promote and preserve our shared heritage.

Fraternally,

John A. Fratta

President, Commission for Social Justice®



CSJ President Writes to President & CEO of the NYPL

November 6, 2025

After receiving reports from multiple NYC-based OSDIA members that certain branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) were refusing to display OSDIA materials due to its support for Columbus Day, CSJ President John A. Fratta wrote directly to Anthony Marx, President & CEO of the NYPL to demand that the materials be shown.

After working directly with New York City Councilman David Carr, the NYPL agreed to display such materials in 2026.

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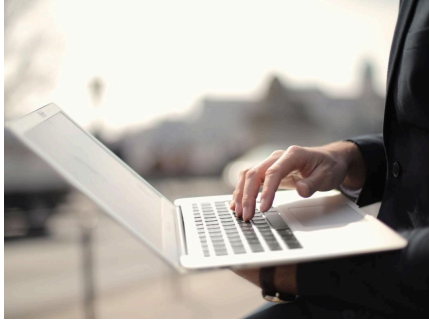
CSJ President Writes to Congressman Michael A. Rulli in Support of Pro-Italian American Bills

November 14, 2025

Upon learning of two bills sponsored by U.S. Representative Michael A. Rulli in support of the Italian American community - [H.R. 5739](#) and [H.R. 1102](#), CSJ President John A. Fratta wrote to Congressman Rulli on behalf of the CSJ to express support for both bills.



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CSJ Launches New Website Experience

April 1, 2026

On April 1, 2026, OSDIA officially launched its new website experience. In addition to a refreshed look and feel, it also included new dedicated websites for the Sons of Italy Foundation® and the Commission for Social Justice®. While still under the OSDIA.org domain, the new CSJ website is a dedicated space for the latest news on our advocacy efforts and our educational materials.

[Visit the New CSJ Website](#)

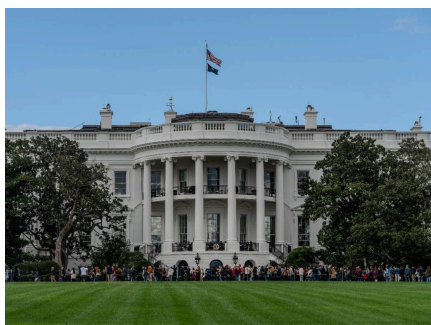
CSJ President Writes to David Lipper, President & CEO of Latigo Films Regarding 'Gambino' Biopic

May 1, 2026

CSJ President John A. Fratta wrote to David Lipper, President & CEO of Latigo Films to express concerns over potential stereotyping in forthcoming '[Gambino](#)' [biopic](#), set to highlight the notorious Gambino crime family. In his letter, President Fratta urged caution over leaning into harmful stereotypes and urged Mr. Lipper to work directly with Italian American groups such as the Commission for Social Justice to avoid such stereotypes.



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CSJ President Writes to President of the United States Expressing Gratitude for Newly-Erected Columbus Statue on White House Grounds

May 1, 2026

Following the prominent placement of a Christopher Columbus statue directly on White House grounds, CSJ President John A. Fratta wrote to U.S. President Donald

J. Trump to express support for the statue and the meaning it holds for the Italian American community.

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CSJ President Writes to Mayor of Columbus, Ohio Expressing Support for Legal Action Against Columbus Statue Removal

May 8, 2026

In a letter to Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor of Columbus, Ohio, CSJ President John A. Fratta expressed concerns over local efforts to remove a Christopher Columbus statue and to express support for legal efforts against its removal.



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Newly-Repaired Columbus Fountain Unveiled in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Outside D.C's Union Station

May 28, 2026

With a strong presence of OSDIA leadership, DC's iconic Columbus Fountain is flowing once again for the first time in nearly two decades. As OSDIA's positive image and anti-defamation arm, the Commission for Social Justice® has long worked to honor Italian American heritage and protect historic symbols, including Christopher Columbus statues around the nation, like this landmark just two blocks from OSDIA's National Office.

[Learn More](#)

About the Commission for Social Justice®

The Commission for Social Justice® (CSJ) is dedicated to combating the negative stereotypes and defamation of Italian Americans. As the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), the CSJ works to ensure fair and respectful representation of Italian Americans in all aspects of media, culture, and society. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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