

Good Afternoon,

My name is Hertha Hennessey. I live at 5385 Deer Creek CT, Boulder, CO.

I am a legal, naturalized immigrant. I arrived in the United States in 1968 from France. When I arrived, I spoke fluent English, had a job and a sponsor. Those were the 1968 immigration rules. I became a citizen on April 15, 1988.

I was raised in a socialist society with universal health care and cradle to grave government oversight on every citizen there. Growing up and living under this system, I had no idea of any other system of care and regulation. Under this system, nothing changes for the citizens there. There is no chance to rise from your position in society, no advancement, no opportunity change your status. You live and die in your social class.

I never wanted to come to the United States. My exposure and contact with US citizens that came to France was not positive. In my opinion US citizens were arrogant, self centered complainers. I did not like the United States for this and other reasons. The French government also indoctrinated myself and the country with less than favorable views of the US. However, this work opportunity presented itself to me and I decided to come and gain the international work experience. My beginning work contract was for 3 years and it became 12 years.

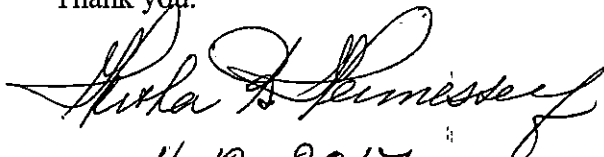
Immediately upon arrival, I saw how great this country is. In the US there is opportunity, liberty and freedom. Everyone here has the chance and opportunity to elevate themselves to any level of society. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world. I know, I have traveled the world for most of my life. I studied in Germany, Holland, Beirut and England. My family were in the French diplomatic core and we lived in many countries. I lived and worked in Hong Kong for eight years with my husband. I can compare the rest of the world to the United States and NOTHING compares or comes close.

What makes the United States great is its constitution and laws written based on that document. It is the best governing document ever written in the history of the world.

Having said that, this committee has before it a proposal to embrace that constitution and to declare it the only documented law of the land. To allow any other form of law to supersede the constitution of the United States is pure folly. Any other form of law would denigrate and destroy the US and this state.

I support SB17-277, American Law For American Courts, and want this legislature to do the same.

Thank you.


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