

April 2, 2024



Dear Senator,

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the undersigned 125 national, state, and local organizations, we urge you to swiftly confirm Adeel Mangi to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Many of our organizations have previously submitted letters and spoken out in strong support of Mr. Mangi's confirmation. Today we join together to reiterate that support, highlight Mr. Mangi's tremendous qualifications, and condemn the baseless and bigoted attacks being waged against this exceptional and historic nominee.

Mr. Mangi is fair-minded, brilliant, and has shown throughout his impressive legal career a steadfast dedication to equal justice for all, and he will be a tremendous judge on the Third Circuit. He is currently a partner with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP and has maintained a significant pro bono practice. His work has secured landmark victories and has made a positive impact on people's lives, and his confirmation would bring to the appellate bench important but underrepresented civil rights experience that is greatly needed in the federal judiciary. In addition to this exceptional legal background, he would make history as the first Muslim judge to serve on any of our federal appellate courts. There are an estimated 3.45 million Muslims in the United States, yet until 2021, there had never been a lifetime-appointed Muslim federal judge in our nation's history. This milestone is long overdue, and an outstanding nominee like Adeel Mangi should be celebrated and embraced.

Unfortunately, despite Mr. Mangi's impeccable qualifications, he has faced manufactured and baseless attacks that should never be endured by any nominee. The anti-Muslim tropes and unfounded assertions against him are the kinds of stereotyping that have long driven Islamophobia, which is on the rise. They also send a dangerous message to communities across the nation and potential future lawyers and judges that their path to the bench and desire to serve our nation will be obstructed by unfounded accusations based solely on their identity. Muslim communities around the country are reporting a rise in anti-Muslim hate and bias. Anti-Muslim bigotry should not receive reinforcement in the Senate, where senators have the constitutional duty to provide advice and consent on who serves in our federal judiciary. These attacks harm not just one exceptional nominee, but the strength of our democracy at a time when leaders must challenge and oppose civil rights violations and denounce hate and bias.

Despite the anti-Muslim vitriol Mr. Mangi endured during his confirmation hearing, he repeatedly while under oath condemned antisemitism and terrorism with tremendous decorum and professionalism befitting the temperament sought for these important appointments to the federal bench. He did so despite facing unfair, unfounded, and hostile questions, many of which were deeply offensive. Further, since his hearing, there has been a coordinated media campaign to amplify baseless attacks on his character. We remain united in full support of Mr. Mangi's well-deserved nomination to the appellate bench and even more committed to the necessity of a diverse federal judiciary.

We urge senators to assess Mr. Mangi’s nomination based on his credentials and qualifications for the job, not his religion, race, or ethnicity. We ask that senators denounce the Islamophobic attacks on Mr. Mangi and on all Muslims. We also know that racism and hate facing many of our communities — including hate and bias experienced by Muslim, South Asian, and Arab communities — is further stoked by the kinds of dangerous stereotypes we have witnessed surrounding this nomination. We must denounce racism and hate in all its forms.

Mr. Mangi is eminently qualified and will be a fair-minded judge. No one should tolerate baseless and bigoted attacks and lies that are being created by an orchestrated campaign to take down the first Muslim federal appellate judge.

History will remember this powerfully important moment for the future of equal justice in America.

Sincerely,

**National organizations**

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
AFL-CIO  
Alliance for Justice  
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)  
American Friends Service Committee  
American Humanist Association  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)  
Americans for Financial Reform  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Bangladesh Medical Association of North America  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
CASA, Inc.  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Common Ground  
Center for Constitutional Rights  
Center for Freethought Equality  
Center for Popular Democracy Action  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Demand Justice  
Disability Rights Advocates  
Earthjustice

Engage Action  
End Citizens United//Let America Vote Action Fund  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Equal Justice Society  
Equal Rights Advocates  
FFRF Action Fund  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights Campaign  
Immigration Hub  
Impact Fund  
Indivisible  
Interfaith Alliance  
Ipas  
Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)  
JULIAN  
Just Solutions  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
League of Conservation Voters  
Matthew Shepard Foundation  
Muslim Advocates  
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)  
Muslims for Progressive Values  
NAACP  
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.  
Nathaniel R. Jones Foundation  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association  
National Association of Muslim Lawyers  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Congress of American Indians  
National Consumers League  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National LGBTQ+ Bar Association  
National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Urban League

National Women's Law Center  
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates  
People For the American Way  
People Power United  
People's Parity Project  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Presente.org  
Pride at Work  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
Reproaction  
Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America)  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
SHK Global Health  
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)  
State Voices  
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
The Lawyering Project  
The Workers Circle  
UnidosUS  
United Steelworkers  
Women's March

**State and local organizations**

1Hood Power (PA)  
AAPI New Jersey  
Alaskans Take A Stand  
Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Tampa Bay (FL)  
Association of Muslim American Lawyers (CT, NJ, NY, PA)  
Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association  
Courts Matter Illinois  
Detroit Change Initiative (MI)  
Equality California  
Filipino American Association of Kodiak (AK)  
Florida Rising  
Maine Conservation Voters  
Maine Women's Lobby  
Make the Road Nevada  
Michigan Coalition on Black Civic Participation  
NAACP Alabama State Conference  
NAACP Florida State Conference  
National Council of Jewish Women Florida  
National Council of Jewish Women Georgia  
National Council of Jewish Women Michigan



National Council of Jewish Women Pennsylvania  
National Council of Jewish Women Texas  
National Council of Jewish Women Washington  
National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore Section (IL)  
National Council of Jewish Women, Dallas Section (TX)  
National Council of Jewish Women, Saddleback Section (CA)  
New York Immigration Coalition  
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership (OH)  
Philippine American Bar Association (CA)  
Progress Iowa  
Silver State Equality (NV)  
South Asian Bar Association of Chicago (IL)  
South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut  
Stand UP Alaska  
Why Courts Matter - PA