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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
United States Senate  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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**RE: Letter of Support for Adeel Mangi for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals**

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Dear Senator Durbin:

The National Arab American Bar Association (NAABA) is a non-partisan and non-religious legal association composed of attorneys and law students that seek to foster the growth and professional advancement of Arab Americans in the legal profession. We are writing to urge your support for the confirmation of Adeel Mangi as a judge for the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

NAABA firmly believes that candidates for judicial office should be evaluated on the bases of their experience and qualifications. Mr. Mangi's extensive experience and commitment to civil rights make him an exceptional candidate for the federal bench. Mr. Mangi is rated "well-qualified" by the American Bar Association, exceeding ratings of other recently confirmed candidates. During his tenure at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, Mr. Mangi demonstrated excellence in the legal profession and has also shown a remarkable dedication to pro bono service, far surpassing the industry average.

If confirmed, Mr. Mangi would become the first Muslim to serve as a federal appellate court judge. We were disappointed to learn that, during his confirmation hearing, Mr. Mangi was subjected to discriminatory scrutiny based on his faith instead of being judged on his merits and qualifications. This is inconsistent with the Constitution and the rule of law that the Senate should be working to support.

We call on the Senate to move forward on Mr. Mangi's historic confirmation and show that the Senate selects the judiciary based on their qualifications. Moreover, given that our federal judiciary should reflect and understand the diverse experiences of all Americans, Mr. Mangi's unique personal background allows him to offer a valuable perspective. We thus urge you to swiftly confirm Mr. Mangi's nomination to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. With his stellar qualifications, dedication to civil rights and the rule of law, and commitment to justice, Mr. Mangi is the ideal candidate to serve on the federal bench.

Sincerely,

*Officers and Board of the National Arab American Bar Association*