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Senator Richard Durbin United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

On behalf of the NJ Former Troopers Association, I am writing to advise you of our concerns with the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and urge you to oppose the nomination.

While Mr. Mangi has been an attorney for some time, he has never served as a judge at any level. Being nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he could preside over cases at the highest judiciary levels, just one level below the United States Supreme Court.

Beyond Mr. Mangi's experience, we have very serious concerns regarding his affiliation and position as an advisory Board Member of the Alliance of Families for Justice. One of the founding board members of the Alliance was Kathy Boudin, who pled guilty to felony murder for her role in the 1981 Brink's robbery by members of the Weather Underground, a crime which was carried out to provide monetary funds for the group's Political activities. The Police Officers were executed by Boudin and her fellow terrorist in Nyack in 1981.

We are among countless Law Enforcement entities that protested Boudin's parole, her appointment as a professor at Columbia University, and the paroling, commuting, and granting of clemency to her co- terrorists. For a legal professional such as Mr. Mangi to support and work with a person like Boudin shows his lack of care for life and the rule of law. The Alliance has also advocated for the release of individuals who were convicted in a court of law of the execution-style killing of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973.

It is pure disrespect to current and former members of the New Jersey State Police, that terrorist cop killers who were convicted beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law could be held as heroes and icons to a man seeking the great responsibility of upholding the rule of law.

We strongly condemn any person or group who advocates in favor of those who have attacked and killed law enforcement officers. Advocating for unrepentant cop killers in the name of justice is an insult to all those who wear the uniform every day to serve and protect.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns with Mr. Mangi and strongly urge you to oppose his nomination to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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