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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Lindsay Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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**Re: Nomination of Adeel Abdullah Mangi to the United States
Third Circuit Court of Appeals**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I have been a practicing lawyer for over 40 years. In that time, I have served in the United States Justice Department as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division and for a decade was the Co-Chair of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLC. In that time, I have worked with and supervised hundreds of lawyers and appeared before federal and state court judges across the United States. Given this experience, I believe I am qualified to address Adeel Mangi's qualifications to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

I have known Adeel Mangi for over 20 years. We began working together at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler when he joined the firm as a junior associate and I was a litigation partner. We have worked together continuously since that time on a wide range of litigation matters. Adeel's talent as a litigator and as a potential trial lawyer was obvious from the start. Even as a junior associate, he was tasked by a joint defense group comprised of major law firms with taking challenging depositions of state government witnesses. The first time I saw him examine a witness in a trial there was no doubt in my mind that he would be an incredible courtroom advocate.

Adeel and I have tried a number of cases together in which he has examined countless witnesses, argued motions and helped develop an effective trial strategy. There is no one I would rather have as a co-counsel in a litigation matter than Adeel. The quality of his oral advocacy is superb. But it is the degree of preparation and the judgment he brings to that advocacy that makes him among the finest lawyers I have observed in courtrooms across the country for the last 43 years.

Beyond his capabilities as a lawyer, over the years I have come to count on him as a friend and as a sounding board for challenging issues I encountered in the management of our law firm and in my own life. His compassion and integrity will make him a judge before whom any litigant

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should feel comfortable that Adeel will adhere to the rule of law, but with a deeply felt understanding of the consequences of his decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Cavanaugh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William Cavanaugh

cc: Senator Cory Booker