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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsay Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Adeel Abdullah Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Senators,

We write, on behalf of the organizations and groups listed below, to reiterate our call on the United States Senate to confirm Adeel A. Mangi's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We also write to express our shock and deep disappointment over the offensive, anti-Muslim, and racist line of questioning Mr. Mangi was subjected to during his confirmation hearing. But for Mr. Mangi's background as a Muslim American, no one with Mr. Mangi's credentials and experience would have been asked such offensive questions.

As we wrote in our letter of December 9, 2023,<sup>1</sup> Mr. Mangi has impeccable credentials and has the experience, wisdom, and demeanor to be an exemplary judge on the Third Circuit. Despite his impressive accomplishments and credentials, Mr. Mangi was questioned about his loyalty to the United States and his identity as an American. In particular, the line of questioning regarding Mr. Mangi's views on the State of Israel and terrorism generally are outside the scope of a Circuit Court Judge's role. No other Circuit level nominee in recent history has been subject to this manner of prejudiced questioning. We join other faith communities<sup>2</sup> in condemning this

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<sup>1</sup> See [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/muslim\\_lawyers\\_coalition\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/muslim_lawyers_coalition_support_for_mangi.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> See American Jewish Committee Statement on Questions of Adeel Mangi at Senate Judiciary Hearing, <https://www.ajc.org/news/ajc-statement-on-questioning-of-adeel-mangi-at-senate-judiciary-hearing>; 15 Jewish Organizations' Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi after Senate Judiciary Hearing, [https://www.scribd.com/document/693648187/Mangi-Jewish-Orgs-Support-Letter?irclid=3PX08HRhOxyPWii0q8QixS7BUkHxYDSWNwfaXw0&irpid=10078&utm\\_source=impact&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Scribd\\_aaffiliate\\_pdm\\_acquisition\\_Skimbit%20Ltd.&sharedid=huffpost.com&irgwc=1#from\\_embed](https://www.scribd.com/document/693648187/Mangi-Jewish-Orgs-Support-Letter?irclid=3PX08HRhOxyPWii0q8QixS7BUkHxYDSWNwfaXw0&irpid=10078&utm_source=impact&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Scribd_aaffiliate_pdm_acquisition_Skimbit%20Ltd.&sharedid=huffpost.com&irgwc=1#from_embed); "GOP To NJ Judge Pick: Muslims Need Not Apply," Dec. 28, 2023, NJ.com, <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2023/12/gop-to-nj-judge-pick-muslims-need-not-apply-editorial.html>.

shocking display of bigotry and we hope no other judicial nominee is subjected to such a dishonorable spectacle, regardless of their racial, religious, or ethnic background.

Mr. Mangi has spent his career advocating for equal rights for Americans of all backgrounds. His nomination has received support from a broad cross-section of American communities.<sup>3</sup> As stated by so many organizations that represent America's diversity, Mr. Mangi's credentials and experiences make him overwhelmingly qualified for this nomination. We look forward to celebrating Mr. Mangi's confirmation and to a future where a more representative Federal judiciary better reflects the diversity of these United States.

Sincerely,

**Muslim American Judicial Advisory Council (MAJAC)**

**Capital Area Muslim Bar Association (CAMBA)**

**Muslim Bar Association of New York (MuBANY)**

**America Indivisible**

**New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association (NJMLA)**

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<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi, Dec. 11, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/ldf\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/ldf_support_for_mangi.pdf); The LGBTQ+ Bar Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi, Dec. 5, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/lgbtq\\_bar\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/lgbtq_bar_support_for_mangi.pdf); Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey Letter in Support Adeel Mangi, Dec. 6, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/apala-nj\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/apala-nj_support_for_mangi.pdf); South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi, Dec. 11, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/saba-nj\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/saba-nj_support_for_mangi.pdf); Alliance For Justice Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi, Dec. 12, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/afj\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/afj_support_for_mangi.pdf); People for the American Way Letter in Support of Adeel Mangi, Dec. 11, 2023, [https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/pfaw\\_support\\_for\\_mangi.pdf](https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/pfaw_support_for_mangi.pdf).