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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Johnson
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Senator Johnson, and Senator Baldwin,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 285 members of the Milwaukee Police Supervisors' Organization.

I would like to advise you of our concerns on the nomination of Adeel Abdulah Mangi to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Mangi does not have any prior judicial experience that would recommend him to an appellate court position.

What he does have is a long resume working with organizations that, among other things, glamorize individuals convicted of brutally murdering police officers and distort the truth about the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We therefore object to his confirmation to a lifetime seat on the federal bench.

Over the years, Mr. Mangi has worked for, with, and contributed to groups that sought to "defund the police," and have celebrated individuals responsible for brutally murdering police officers. While this should be sufficient to disqualify Mr. Mangi from serving on a federal court one step below the U.S. Supreme Court, the MPSO takes particular exception to his ostensible support for recharacterizing 9/11 as something other than the deadliest foreign terrorist attack on U.S. soil in our nation's history. While Mr. Mangi was on the board, the Rutgers Center for Security Race and Rights held an event on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in 2021 featuring speakers with ties to terrorist organizations and which sought to blame the U.S. for the attacks.

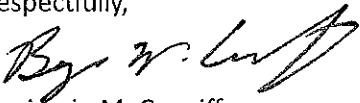
Confirming Adeel Mangi gives credence to these false, irresponsible, and dangerous conspiracy theories and amounts to an endorsement of them. Many Police Officers were at the World Trade Center on 9/11. We know what happened. We know that terrorists were responsible, not the United States government.

We feel the losses every day. To this day we continue to watch too many of this nation's first responders succumb to the long-term health effects of 9/11.

The criminal justice system functions best when all parties—law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys are rational actors who base their decisions on objective facts, follow the rule of law, and are unbiased against any party.

For the men and women of law enforcement this is our expectation every time we put on the uniform to protect and serve our communities. At a time when communities around our nation are struggling to recover from a declining respect for the rule of law that has fueled rising crime and lawlessness in cities across America, it sends the wrong message to appoint someone like Mr. Mangi, who has fed lies and distortions that encourage such despicable and irresponsible behavior.

Respectfully,



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