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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: Pending Confirmation of Adeel A. Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit***

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The National Association of Muslim Lawyers (NAML) writes today to support the historic nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. As the oldest and largest Muslim bar association in the nation, NAML is comprised of members from all around the country and every professional practice. NAML joins the hundreds of organizations and groups that have called upon the Senate to confirm Mr. Mangi to the Third Circuit bench without delay.

Mr. Mangi's extensive qualifications to sit on the Court include not only his numerous accomplishments and victories, but more importantly, his commitment to justice, service, and integrity in the law. His demonstrated prowess in private practice through a successful twenty-year career in litigation with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP is matched by his commitment to public service through his pro bono and civil rights work. Throughout his career, Mr. Mangi has strived to preserve the rights of all people including through litigating and filing amicus briefs before the United States Supreme Court and federal appellate courts across the country relating to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As a Muslim American, Mr. Mangi's appointment to the Third Circuit further presents an important opportunity for the federal judiciary to better reflect the rich diversity of American society and to be enriched, in turn, by his presence on the bench.

Despite his stellar legal career, members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary have attempted to find fault where none exists through baseless insinuations of ties to "cop killer" and "terrorist" groups. The impetus for such aspersions cast by members of the Senate - unfounded in Mr. Mangi's well-vetted and honorable career - can be ascribed only to the most vile anti-Muslim

hatred. Nothing in Mr. Mangi's work reflects any "anti-law enforcement" bias, and such unfounded allegations have been resoundingly rejected by the support of members of the law enforcement community who know his career and body of work the best, including the highest ranking law enforcement officers in the State of New Jersey.

It is long past time for the Senate to unequivocally reject the racist and Islamophobic rhetoric employed to attack Mr. Mangi. Such baseless and bigoted conduct is unbecoming of members of Congress and serves only to degrade the integrity of these public officers and the trust placed upon them by their constituents.

Mr. Mangi presents precisely the combination of intellect, skills and temperament needed to serve as a federal appellate judge on the Third Circuit and that the American people deserve. NAML stands with the multitude of Americans that look forward to Mr. Mangi's swift confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,

National Association of Muslim Lawyers