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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chair  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the 32,000 member New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, I am writing to express our concerns with the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to be a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The New Jersey State PBA is the largest law enforcement organization in New Jersey representing federal, state, and local sworn law enforcement officers. As such, our members could potentially be subject to the rulings of Mr. Mangi if approved to the bench. Our concerns are based on two major points: his lack of judicial experience and his clear anti-police bias.

We do not question Mr. Mangi's experience as a lawyer. However, he has never served as a Judge at any level prior to this nomination and placing him in the Judiciary one step below the United States Supreme Court is worrisome. This is the equivalent of taking a police rookie and naming them Chief of Police. I need not tell you that the experience, temperament and seasoned judicial philosophy required of a Court of Appeals judge is developed over years on the bench. Mr. Mangi does not have the experience to be placed on so critical a Court.

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What Mr. Mangi lacks in judicial experience he makes up for with a long resume in promoting anti-police causes. His leadership and association with the Alliance of Families for Justice makes it clear he cannot be impartial in dealing with law enforcement officers. The Alliance advocates for cop-killers to be freed from prison including some of the most notorious murderers in the history of policing. The Alliance has not shied away from holding these killers up as “freedom fighters” and victims. This attitude is a slap in the face of every cop and an insult to the families of the officers left behind by the people the Alliance fights for.

We can respect a lawyer who represents criminal defendants to the best of their ability. But we can't respect, and can never support, a lawyer who so blatantly promotes the opinion that the police are criminals, and the cop-killers are the victims. He has disqualified himself as an impartial decider of facts where police are involved, and we therefore ask that his nomination be defeated in the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. Do not hesitate to contact me at (732) 636-8860 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Pat Colligan  
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c: The Honorable Cory Booker, United States Senator  
The Honorable Robert Menendez, United States Senator