

December 6, 2023

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 A. Mangi to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

My name is Julia Ramsay-Nobles. I am a Pastor who lives in upstate New York. I recently learned that my attorney, Adeel A. Mangi, has been nominated to serve as a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. I was so happy and proud to hear the news. I wanted to send you a letter to help you know Adeel as I know him.

In April of 2015, I received the worst possible news: my brother, Karl Taylor, who was incarcerated in an upstate New York prison, had died. Karl suffered from serious mental health challenges. The prison officials told me that he was “code blue,” but did not explain what that meant. I could not get any answers. I felt so powerless and helpless.

Several months later, a community group introduced me to Adeel and his team of lawyers at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. While I was hopeful—I never give up hope—I also felt skeptical. Why would these people care about what happened to my brother? Would they care about me? Over the following five years, I came to know Adeel as a man of integrity and an extraordinary lawyer. He and his team spent five years investigating my brother’s death and holding the powerful to account. They delivered the answers that I was seeking, horrific as they were. While we are from very different backgrounds, we formed a close bond that I cherish to this day.

When it finally came to trial, I had many emotions and many fears. I did not know what to expect. But Adeel is a masterful lawyer who made me feel respected, protected, and safe. Adeel had my back. When he gave his opening statement, I could see the full story of what had happened to Karl. It meant so much to me to see it said out loud in a courtroom, in front of a judge and jury. When Adeel confronted the people who killed my brother, he was powerful in his questions and gave them no room to lie. I felt like he wanted answers the same way that I did. It was like Perry Mason was standing up for me. I will never forget it.

I was shocked when my brother’s case settled for the amount that it did, which I understand to be the largest settlement for the death of a prisoner in New York State custody in history. It gave us closure. The impact on my family was that everyone really had a better life. I am especially proud of the part of settlement that required installation of video cameras and microphones in the prison where Karl died—so that what happened to Karl would not happen to anyone else. These cameras and microphones bring protection and accountability to places where these things are needed. My brother faced serious mental health challenges, and there were times

in our lives where I, as his big sister felt unable to help him. But the result of this lawsuit gave Karl's life new meaning. Adeel knew how much that mattered to me.

Adeel is just the top of the line. I want people to know about Adeel's kind personality. He helped me find justice. He would be the type of judge who respects people of all backgrounds, including people who do not have a lot of money or power. He works hard and is a person of integrity.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Julia Ramsay-Nobles

cc: Senator Cory Booker