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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 Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS) writes today in support of nominating Adeel A. Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. MAPS is a national nonpartisan member organization representing thousands of public servants across all levels and branches of US government, including career public servants, state and local elected officials, political appointees, policy experts, foreign service and intelligence officers, decorated servicemen and veterans, judges, and Congressional staffers.

We write to express our deep disappointment over the offensive, anti-Muslim and racist line of questioning Mr. Mangi was subject to during his confirmation hearing. Specifically, those unfounded questions calling for ties to “cop killers” and terrorist groups, in an attempt to contaminate Mr. Mangi’s character and belittle his good works. There is also nothing in Mr. Mangi’s actual record to indicate that he is “anti-law enforcement.”

Mr. Mangi’s record speaks for itself. He has dedicated much of his career to the pursuit of justice for people of all faiths and backgrounds – filing multiple amicus briefs and cases before the US Supreme Court and federal courts nationwide on issues important to the American public, including unlawful surveillance of religious communities, remedies for religious discrimination under the Religious Restoration Act (RFRA) and Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA), and to fight the repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to name a few.

There can be no doubt that Mr. Mangi is the epitome of a true American. His nomination has received support from a broad spectrum of American communities; yet, despite his impressive background, Mr. Mangi was questioned about his loyalty to the United States and his identity as an American only because he identifies as Muslim American. The MAPS membership represents Muslim Americans similarly dedicated to the improvement of our Nation and who everyday uphold the ideals of fairness, equality and justice underscoring this Nation’s political processes. Rejecting Mr. Mangi’s nomination based on anti-Muslim attacks and stereotypical, racist remarks would be a toxic precedent and an affront to the White House’s recent initiative to combat Islamophobia in our Nation.

We sincerely urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Mr. Mangi’s nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Muslim Americans in Public Service (MAPS)