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

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

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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*Los Angeles Police
Protective League*

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

KEITH CURRY

Sergeant-at-Arms
*New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the more than 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing to advise you of our serious concerns with the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

SCOTT LEETON

Executive Secretary
*Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas*

Mr. Mangi, while no doubt a recognized lawyer, has never been a judge at any level – he has not even presided over a parking ticket case – and now is nominated to the bench one step removed from the Supreme Court. While we appreciate that some view his nomination as “historic,” a person with no relevant experience should not be given a judgeship at the second highest level of our judicial system due to uniqueness unrelated to legal ability.

MARK YOUNG

Vice President,
Associate Members
*Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association*

JAMES PALMER

Parliamentarian
*Wisconsin Professional Police
Association*

Further, and more importantly, his work as a Board Member of the Alliance of Families for Justice should be disqualifying. The Alliance was founded by Kathy Boudin, convicted for her role in the 1981 Brink's robbery by the Weather Underground that left two police officers executed in cold blood. The Alliance has advocated and continues to advocate for the release of at least six other cop-killers - Sundiata Acoli, Mumia Abu Jamal, Mutulu Shakur, Russell Maroon Shoatz, Jamil Al Amin, Kamau Sadiki – referring to them all as “elder freedom fighters.”

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE

Executive Director and
General Counsel

The fact that the Alliance of Families for Justice, of which Mr. Mangi is an Advisory Board member, raises these cop-killers as leaders to follow and is calling for their release is an affront to the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities as law enforcement officers. It is profoundly tone-deaf to the cries for justice from citizens of all walks of life, suffering from mayhem and violence in our streets. Above all, it is an insult to the victims of their heinous crimes and similar crimes against law enforcement: the family and friends of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is one thing to stand up for the rights of those shunned or mistreated by society. It is a far different thing to exalt unrepentant killers who were convicted following legal trials in courts of law. Mr. Mangi is smart enough to know the difference, and has made his choice. He has consistently and even *proudly* advocated *against* those who serve and sacrifice to protect us all. Mr. Mangi's conscious work with the Alliance shows an anti-victim and anti-police bias that would certainly cloud his decision making as a judge.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns with Mr. Mangi and urge you to oppose his nomination to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director