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The Honorable Robert Menendez
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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The Honorable Cory Booker
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell,
Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Senator Menendez and
Senator Booker:

On behalf of the Rockland County Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (NY) (RCPBA), I am writing to advise you of our concerns with the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The Rockland County Patrolmen's Benevolent Association represents approximately 500 active-duty Police Officer from seven Police Departments, ranging from Village Departments to Town Departments to the Rockland County Sheriff's Deputies. Our members ranks range from entry level Police Officer to Police Chiefs. We also represent over 700 retired Police Officers. We are proud to represent the vast majority of law enforcement professional from Rockland County, NY, which shares a border with the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

While Mr. Mangi has been an attorney for some time, he has never served as a judge at any level. Being nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he would be presiding over cases at the highest levels, just one level below the United States Supreme Court.

Beyond Mr. Mangi's experience, we have very serious concerns regarding his position as an advisory Board Member of the Alliance of Families for Justice. A founding board member of the Alliance was Kathy Boudin, who pled guilty to felony murder for her role in the 1981 Brink's robbery by members of the Weather Underground, a crime which was carried out to provide monetary funds for the group's Political activities. The Police Officers that were executed by Boudin and her fellow terrorist in Nyack in 1981 were members of the RCPBA; these were our members! Boudin specifically was accused of convincing Sgt. Edward



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O'Grady and PO Waverly Brown of the Nyack Police Department to drop their weapons by feigning innocence whereupon her co-conspirators jumped from the back of a U-haul truck and mowed them down with automatic weapons. These Terrorist's actions drastically changed the law enforcement landscape in Rockland County.

We have protested Boudin's parole, her appointment as a professor at Columbia University, and the paroling, commuting, and granting of clemency to her co-terrorists. While you may find the word "terrorist" to be inappropriate to classify Boudin and others of the Weather Underground, we find it more than fitting. The Oxford Dictionary defines a Terrorist as "a person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims." While I was not there on that October day in 1981, I have heard from those, both Police Officers and Civilians, who were there; and it was described as pure terror. For a legal professional such as Mr. Mangi to support and work with a person like Boudin shows his lack of care for life and the rule of law. The Alliance has also advocated for the release of individuals who were convicted in a court of law of the execution-style killing of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973.

It is pure disrespect to the men and women of Rockland County Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, past and present, the citizens of Nyack, and Rockland County that terrorist cop killers who were convicted beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law could be held as heroes and icons to a man seeking the great responsible of upholding the rule of law.

We strongly condemn any person or group who advocates in favor of those who have attacked and killed law enforcement officers. Advocating for unrepentant cop-killers in the name of justice is an insult to all those who don the uniform every day to serve and protect.

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 (845)920-1068. We invite Senator Schumer, any Member of the U.S. Senate, or Senate Staffers to meet us in New York to discuss this further. We can meet at NY Route 59 and Mountainview Avenue in Central Nyack where Mr. Mangi's heroes executed our heroes who were protecting and serving the community on October 20th, 1981.

Respectfully,

Larry Ayers
President
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