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Via Email and First Class Mail

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, Esq. to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey ("SABA-NJ") proudly endorses Adeel Mangi, Esq. for a judgeship appointment to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals. SABA-NJ is a voluntary association of attorneys and professionals in New Jersey and is dedicated to serve the needs, concerns, and interests of the South Asian community. Mr. Mangi is one of the most prominent "bet the company", high stakes litigators in the country. Benchmark Litigation named Mr. Mangi as a 2024 and 2023 Litigation Star. In 2023, Mr. Mangi was also named to The National Law Journal's General Litigation Trailblazers list.

Particularly significant to SABA-NJ, Mr. Mangi has litigated numerous high-profile civil rights cases. These included some of the most closely watched religious freedom cases in the past decade, which involved two different Muslim communities denied permission to build mosques in Bernards Township and Bayonne,

New Jersey. These lawsuits were the subject of seven editorials in New Jersey's largest newspaper and were covered extensively in the national press. Both cases eventually resulted in settlements under which the mosques were approved and the municipalities involved paid significant compensation to the affected Islamic groups. Mr. Mangi also tried a lawsuit in 2020 involving the death of a mentally ill African-American inmate who was alleged to have been killed by white prison guards in a retaliatory beating. The resulting landmark settlement included an unprecedented provision requiring New York to install a comprehensive network of video recording cameras and microphones throughout the Sullivan Correctional Facility. Mr. Mangi has filed a series of amicus briefs on behalf of a coalition of cross-faith religious groups on issues including DACA, the border wall, and on LGBTQ+ civil rights issues.

Adeel's professional experiences, accomplishments, and unquestioned integrity and professionalism would be a vital addition to the federal bench.

As our organization has reiterated time and time again, South Asians are underrepresented as judges in the State of New Jersey on the state and federal levels. The time is ripe to redress the serious underrepresentation of the South Asian community in the judiciary and we support and endorse Adeel's appointment as a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

We are confident in our endorsement and welcome any inquiries your office may have about Mr. Mangi. Rahil Darbar, Esq., the Chairman of the Committee, can be contacted directly at 973-889-4321 or rdarbar@pbnlaw.com. We are excited about this process and look forward to assisting your office.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee,
The South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey

cc: Senator Cory Booker