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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Senator Fetterman and Senator Casey:

On behalf of more than 40,000 members of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police, Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, and the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association, we're writing today to ask that you reject the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi for Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Mangi has never been a judge at any level, but our opposition to his nomination is based on far more serious concerns.

As police officers, we hold a sacred oath of service and willingness to lay down our lives for our fellow citizens. On a cold evening, Dec. 9, 1981, Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner made that sacrifice when he was shot execution style after making a traffic stop. A light blue Volkswagen was driving the wrong way down a one-way street. As Officer Faulkner spoke with the driver, the driver struck him in the face. The driver's brother came running to the scene and shot Officer Faulkner four times in the back. While lying on the ground mortally wounded, Officer Faulkner heroically returned fire, wounding the shooter. The shooter walked over to Officer Faulkner and shot him point-blank in the face.

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This shooter, convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death, was Mumia Abu Jamal.

On May 7, 2021, the Alliance of Families for Justice co-sponsored an event, "Bring Them Home! Release our Elder Freedom Fighters." One of the people they celebrated that day as a freedom fighter was Abu Jamal. We're telling you this story because Mr. Mangi is an Advisory Board member of the Alliance.

It's an affront to all Pennsylvania law enforcement officers, active and retired, that Mr. Mangi would serve on an organization that describes a person who murdered a police officer as a "freedom fighter."

The Abu Jamal celebration isn't an isolated occurrence for the Alliance. In fact, less than two months before Officer Faulkner was murdered by Abu Jamal, founding Alliance member Kathy Boudin would participate in the infamous Brink's armored car robbery that led to the murder of two Nyack, New York police officers, Edward O'Grady and Waverly Brown. She was convicted of felony murder and robbery. After her death, the Alliance created a Kathy Boudin Fellowship, describing it as a "fitting honor and testament to Kathy's legacy."

Mr. Mangi's affiliation would set a dangerous precedent that supporters of cop killings can rise to a bench that is one step from the United States Supreme Court. On behalf of our active and retired law enforcement members, we respectfully ask that you stand up for law enforcement – and justice. Please oppose Mr. Mangi's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



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