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The Honorable Senator Elizabeth Warren
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Senator Edward Markey
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Dear Honorable Senator Warren and Honorable Senator Markey,

The Massachusetts Coalition of Police represents nearly six-thousand police officers and public safety dispatchers across the commonwealth. We are also proud members of the National Association of Police Organizations and their two-hundred and forty thousand plus members. It is with great concern, and to be quite honest great confusion, as to why we would even have to author this letter to our delegation. We write to make sure you are aware and respectfully request you assist us in opposing the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Mangi is woefully unprepared for this prestigious nomination/appointment. Never having been any type of jurist in the past, this nomination is not in the best interest of justice. Despite his lack of experience, there are much larger concerns surrounding this nomination.

Mr. Mangi has been a board member of the Alliance of Families for Justice. This group was founded by convicted felon Kathy Boudin. Boudin was convicted in the murder of two police officers as part of her involvement in a Brinks robbery that occurred in 1981 as a member of the domestic terrorist organization The Weather Underground. The same Weather Underground that committed numerous bombings, murders, and declared war against the United States in 1970. The Alliance of Families for Justice that Boudin founded and that Mangi was a board member, defends and advocates for the release of murderers that have killed police officers. The Alliance refers to them as "elder freedom fighters", while the reality is that they are cold blooded cop-killers who have been convicted in a court of law. We possess the understanding that a lawyer vigorously advocating for a client is proper, but the fact that Mangi willingly associates and participates in an organization that was founded by a domestic terrorist and murderer, should on its face be disqualifying for this nomination. Mr. Mangi and the Alliance paint law enforcement as the criminal and the criminal as the victim. While we support any person's freedom of speech and their chosen path, one that vilifies law enforcement should not be eligible for a federal judgeship.

Judges are supposed to be neutral parties that make decision based on the law, not advocates who work against the law, as in the case of the Alliance and their calls to free convicted cop-killers. Mr. Mangi has chosen his course and decided that he would like to advocate against those who protect us day in and day out. This is a clear bias that will not allow him to impartially apply the law productively and fairly. If you applied this same

bias against law enforcement to any other group, this nomination would be a non-starter.

We are aware that the Judiciary Committee approved this nomination with members voting along party lines. This is not a partisan issue; it is a matter of right and wrong. Supporting anti-police advocates for judicial positions is patently wrong. This is not a difficult choice. We have been in both of your offices and either you or your staff have told us on many occasions of your support of law enforcement. This is one of those times when your actions will speak louder than words.

The Massachusetts Coalition of Police respectfully requests that you oppose the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third District. There are plenty of other people out there who are actually qualified and do not harbor what should be disqualifying bias. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Hovsepian , President
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