



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

January 26, 2024

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

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

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

On behalf of the 3,081 Sheriffs across our nation, we are writing today to convey our united opposition to the nomination of Adeel A. Mangi to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The nomination raises concerns about appointing an individual with no pertinent experience to a judgeship at the second-highest level of our judicial system.

We find it crucial to draw attention to Mr. Mangi's role as a Board Member of the Alliance of Families for Justice, an organization which advocates for the release of individuals convicted of killing law enforcement officers. The Alliance's stance on cop-killers, referring to them as "elder freedom fighters," raises questions about Mr. Mangi's association with an organization that holds such controversial positions.

The fact that Mr. Mangi, as an Advisory Board member, aligns himself with an organization advocating for the release of convicted cop-killers is seriously disturbing. This stance is not only tone-deaf to the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers, but also disrespectful to the victims of heinous crimes, as well as the family and friends of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Law enforcement officers across the country risk their lives every day to protect and serve our communities. They deserve the support of senior officials in the federal government who help to set policy. Mr. Mangi's association with the Alliance raises concerns about a potential bias against victims and law enforcement, which could impact his decision-making as a lifetime appointed judge. I believe it is essential to thoroughly evaluate Mr. Mangi's qualifications and associations to ensure the integrity of the judicial system and to maintain public trust in the nomination process.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns and urge you to stand up for our nation's law enforcement professionals by opposing Mr. Mangi's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (703) 344-4447.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Thompson".

Jonathan Thompson
Executive Director and CEO
National Sheriffs' Association