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

The Honorable Richard Durbin Chair Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Senator Menendez and Senator Booker:

On behalf of the State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association of New Jersey, 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 State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association of New Jersey represents approximately 1,000 Non-Commissioned Officers of the New Jersey State Police, to include the ranks of Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Sergeant First Class, Detective Sergeant First Class and Sergeant Major. We are proud to represent the first line and mid-level supervisors of the finest and most professional police organization in the country, the New Jersey State Police, which is a direct testament to the men and women of our organization.

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 is a person who pled guilty to felony murder for



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her role in the 1981 Brink's robbery by members of the Weather Underground. She specifically was accused of convincing two members of the Nyack Police Department to drop their weapons by feigning innocence whereupon her coconspirators jumped from the back of a U-haul truck and mowed them down with automatic weapons. The Alliance has also been involved in events that advocated for the release of individuals who were convicted in a court of law of the cold-blooded killing of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973. These were both horrific and pre-meditated executions of law enforcement officers.

It is an affront to the men and women of the State Troopers NCO Association and New Jersey State Police that cop-killers who were convicted beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law could be held as heroes and icons to some. We strongly condemn any 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 everyday to serve and protect.

Additionally, Mr. Mangi was an advisory Board Member of the Rutgers University's Center for Security, Race and Rights, which has hosted controversial events that featured anti-Semitic and radical ideology. While Mr. Mangi may have been only peripherally connected to these groups as an advisory Board Member, the connection itself is extremely concerning regarding his ability to maintain impartiality as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals.

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 (609)298-8848.

Respectfully,

Daniel Oliveira

President

State Troopers NCO Association

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