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STATE OF HAWAII ORGANIZATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

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Re: Opposition to the Judicial Confirmation of **Adeel A. Mangi** to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Dear Senators:

The State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO) **opposes** the confirmation of Adeel A. Mangi as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. SHOPO is the statewide organization that represents over 2,500 police officers in the State of Hawaii.

We have grave concerns over Mr. Mangi's judgment, philosophy, and impartiality because of his decisions and his active role as a board member (2017 to 2021) of the Legal Aid Society of New York, which has been vocal about defunding the police and shutting down the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mr. Mangi also held a prominent position as an advisory board member for the Alliance of Families for Justice, an organization which actively promotes and advocates for anti-police causes, including lobbying and advocating for the release and parole of individuals convicted of killing police officers. We strongly oppose those who serve in leadership positions or align themselves with any groups or organizations that advocate in favor of people who have been convicted of attacking, injuring, and/or killing law enforcement officers.

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The role of a federal appeals court judge demands an unwavering commitment to impartiality, fairness, and respect for the law. Mr. Mangi has never served as a judge at any level of our justice system. Not only does he lack the requisite judicial experience, but he also lacks the judgment to act with complete impartiality.

Our judiciary must prioritize the principles of justice, fairness, and respect for the rule of law. At a time when our society strives for harmony and mutual respect between law enforcement and civilians, appointing someone with an established philosophy contrary to these principles will only work to exacerbate tensions and undermine the credibility of our judicial system. If Mr. Mangi were to be confirmed by the Senate, we would be compromising these principles and eroding public trust in our courts.

Again, the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers opposes the confirmation of Adeel A. Mangi to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cavaco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent parts.

ROBERT CAVACO
SHOPO President