



April 3, 2024

The Honorable Senator Cory Booker
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Via Email to: hanna_mori@booker.senate.gov

Dear Senator Booker,

The Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) writes to urge you to vote on the confirmation of Adeel Mangi as a judge for the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals irrespective of his faith and based on his merits and qualifications, alone. We are highly concerned with the tone and content of the opposition raised against him during his confirmation hearing.

We were deeply disappointed to learn that Mr. Mangi was subjected to undue and discriminatory scrutiny based on his faith at the hearing. The quality of a judge's work should not be evaluated on the basis of what others, unconnected with the judge other than sharing the same faith, have done; likewise, the qualifications of a judicial nominee should not be assessed based on the actions of others. That crimes and atrocities have previously been committed by Christians, Jews, or Muslims says nothing whatsoever about the qualifications of members of those faiths for judicial appointment. Scrutinizing Mr. Mangi for the conduct of others who share his faith is unfair and not in keeping with our ideals as Americans.

Instead, Mr. Mangi should be judged on his merits and qualifications which, we understand, are many. Among other examples, we're aware that Mr. Mangi has devoted over 4,000 hours in pro bono service to vulnerable communities. His service far surpasses the industry average, and it reveals a passion for advancing equal justice and civil rights for underrepresented communities. Mr. Mangi's record of advocacy and accomplishment stands for all to review and consider without bias rooted in religious animosity.

Additionally, his lived experience should be considered an asset to his candidacy and our judiciary. As we've urged in the past, we believe that the federal bench should reflect the community and the nation that it serves. Mr. Mangi's personal experience as an immigrant provides him with a unique perspective, which is often lacking among federal judges. This perspective is invaluable in ensuring that the judiciary represents and understands the diverse experiences of all Americans.

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If confirmed, Mr. Mangi would become the first Muslim to serve as a federal appellate court judge. It would be a historic confirmation and one that Mr. Mangi appears to be well-qualified for. We urge you to consider his qualifications, dedication to civil rights, and commitment to justice, and to vote accordingly.

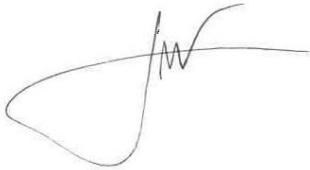
Respectfully submitted,

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