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

Re: Nomination of Adeel Mangi to Third Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Senator Booker:

The Arab American Bar Association of Illinois (AABAR) is a professional legal association of attorneys dedicated to the rule of law, equal justice, legal education and community service and is committed to the principle of quality legal representation for all regardless of background. We write in support of Adeel Mangi as a judge for the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Mangi's extensive experience and commitment to civil rights make him an exceptional candidate for the federal bench.

During his tenure at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, Mr. Mangi has demonstrated excellence in his profession and remarkable dedication to pro bono service, devoting over 4,000 hours to protecting the rights of vulnerable communities. His commitment far surpasses the industry average, highlighting his passion for advancing equal justice and civil rights for underrepresented communities. The Judicial Evaluation Committee of AABAR, which has reviewed over five hundred judicial candidates, has recommended Mr. Mangi for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Numerous other organizations have vetted Mr. Mangi and likewise recommended or supported his nomination. Indeed, the American Bar Association provided Mr. Mangi a "well-qualified" rating, which is not easily given. Notably, other federal judicial candidates have been appointed without such outstanding qualifications.



If confirmed, Mr. Mangi would become the first Muslim-American to serve on the Federal Court of Appeals. We believe that Mr. Mangi's personal experience as an immigrant and a Muslim-American 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 regardless of religion. We were thus disappointed to learn that, during his confirmation hearing, Mr. Mangi was subjected to undue and discriminatory scrutiny based on his faith instead of being judged on his merits and qualifications. The separation of church and state in our country leaves no place for religious differences to dictate the direction of the judiciary.

We call on the Senate to move forward on this historic nomination and swiftly confirm Adeel Mangi's nomination to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. With his stellar qualifications, dedication to civil rights, and commitment to justice, Mr. Mangi is the ideal candidate to serve on the federal bench.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Arab American Bar Association of Illinois

cc: The Honorable Senator Dick Durbin
The Honorable Senator Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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