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Honorable Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Adeel Mangi

Dear Senator Schumer:

We are longtime colleagues of Adeel Mangi, who has been nominated by President Biden to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We write to offer our full support for Adeel's nomination and to urge you to promptly schedule a confirmation vote on Adeel's nomination.

We are current and former Chairs of the Litigation Department and the White-Collar Defense and Investigations practice group of our law firm, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. Each of us has known and worked closely with Adeel for many years. We know him to be a brilliant and thoughtful lawyer of the highest moral and ethical candor, who has spent his professional career pursuing justice and opposing discrimination of any kind.

Each of us has had the privilege to work closely with Adeel and to witness his development, from a junior associate to one of the leaders of our firm—and a leading practitioner in his field of commercial and civil rights litigation. We know him well, on both a professional and personal level. He is among the most gifted trial lawyers we have encountered. He has secured record-setting verdicts, on behalf of a corporate client of our firm against a competitor, *and* on behalf of an individual pro bono client whose constitutional rights were violated. He has successfully argued motions and appeals in courts throughout the United States. In doing so, he has consistently demonstrated exceptional legal skill and acumen, as well as a commitment to equal justice for all, regardless of race, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, or wealth. There can be no doubt that Adeel is extremely well qualified to serve as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge.

Nevertheless, during his confirmation hearing in December and in paid advertisements that have appeared since that time, unfounded and inflammatory questions have been raised about

whether Adeel has the moral character our country rightly requires of someone nominated to serve in this important role. Some have accused Adeel of being antisemitic, or of holding anti-American views. The individuals and entities that have made these claims do not know Adeel, as we do. The claims are entirely baseless.

Adeel maintains close professional relationships and friendships with each of us, and with many other Jewish lawyers at our firm. He has represented rabbis, synagogues and other Jewish organizations in litigation, including in amicus briefs filed before the U.S. Supreme Court. He abhors religious discrimination of any form, against any individual or group. Any allegation that Adeel is an antisemite or supportive in any way of any form of bigotry is utterly unfounded and contrary to what we know about Adeel.

Adeel is exceedingly well-qualified to serve as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge. He is a role model for lawyers at our firm and throughout our profession. We would be hard pressed to identify a more capable, dedicated, fair-minded or decent person to serve on the bench. He deserves to be confirmed. We respectfully request that you act now to place his nomination before the full Senate for a prompt vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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