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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Durbin:

On behalf of the Alliance for Justice (AFJ), a national association representing more than 150 public interest and civil rights organizations, I write to express our strong support for the confirmation of Adeel Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. If confirmed, Mr. Mangi will be the first Muslim to serve as a federal appellate court judge.

Adeel Mangi earned a First Class Degree in Law from the University of Oxford, Pembroke College, in Oxford, England. He earned his Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills from the City University London Inns of Court School of Law, and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School. After law school, Mr. Mangi joined Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, where he has since focused on complex commercial disputes, representing clients in a variety of industries—including pharmaceutical litigation and false advertising.

Aside from his corporate litigation work, Mr. Mangi has dedicated a significant amount of his career to handling several high-stakes civil rights cases on a pro bono basis. During the Trump administration, Mr. Mangi was involved in two cases concerning the denial of permission to construct mosques for two distinct Muslim communities. Both cases resulted in settlements where the mosques were approved, and the affected Islamic groups received significant compensation from the municipalities.

In 2020, Mr. Mangi took on another high-profile case, this time involving the tragic death of an African American inmate suffering from mental illness. It was alleged that the inmate had been fatally beaten by white prison guards as an act of retaliation. As a result of the lawsuit, a groundbreaking agreement was reached, mandating the installation of an extensive network of video cameras and microphones throughout the Sullivan Correctional Facility to ensure transparency and accountability within the prison system.

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Throughout his legal career, Mr. Mangi has received extensive recognition for his work. Benchmark Litigation named Mr. Mangi to its 2024 and 2023 lists of the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” in the U.S. In 2023, Mr. Mangi was also named to The National Law Journal’s General Litigation “Trailblazers List.” He has also been highlighted repeatedly as a “Client Service All-Star” by The BTI Consulting Group and named as one of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's "Best Lawyers Under 40".

Adeel Mangi will bring stellar credentials and both demographic and professional diversity to the federal bench. His personal experiences and knowledge of immigrant communities in addition to his legal expertise will strengthen the federal bench and ensure that it better reflects the community it serves. Given his remarkable qualifications and unwavering dedication to equal justice we urge your office, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate as a whole to confirm Adeel Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,

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