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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

We, the undersigned Attorneys General, write in support of Adeel Mangi's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Adeel Mangi is eminently qualified for this role as the breadth and depth of his legal experience demonstrates. Importantly, Mr. Mangi would make history as the first Muslim federal appellate judge in our nation's history.

Mr. Mangi is a partner with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, one of the country's premier law firms, where he handles complex corporate matters. In addition, he maintains a significant *pro bono* practice on behalf of underrepresented and vulnerable people and communities. Prior to this, Mr. Mangi received his B.A. at the University of Oxford (Pembroke College) and became a Barrister at Law in 1999. In 2000, he received his LL.M. from Harvard Law School. His professional record is exemplary, and the American Bar Association rated Mr. Mangi unanimously "Well Qualified," the highest rating for judicial nominees based on his integrity, judicial temperament, and competence. Indeed, he is supported by many in his community and across the country, from the legal community to law enforcement officials, given his extensive legal experience and commitment to justice for all.

Mr. Mangi would be the nation's first Muslim federal appellate judge. This is a long overdue milestone and one that we celebrate. As attorneys general, we know well that a judiciary that looks like our country and reflects its rich diversity is one that instills confidence in the public and improves judicial decision-making.

Unfortunately, despite Mr. Mangi's excellent qualifications for this role, he has been subject to an orchestrated campaign based on anti-Muslim hate and bias. The dangerous claims that he is antisemitic and anti-law enforcement are unfounded, though unfortunately they are not unfamiliar. At a time when hate and bias against Muslims, South Asians, and Arab Americans is on the rise,

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it is unacceptable that these attacks persist. It not only harms Mr. Mangi, but it harms our communities, signals to future lawyers and judges that they will not be judged fairly, and weakens our democracy. Attacks such as these are unacceptable and should be rejected outright by those we elect to make important decisions such as who will serve on our federal judiciary. Mr. Mangi has repeatedly demonstrated that he possesses the fair-mindedness, commitment to equal justice for all, and temperament befitting of this position.

As attorneys general we are committed to public service and the rule of law. We work to ensure that everyone in our states is treated fairly by our judiciary, and it is vital that we work to build a judicial system that delivers equal justice for all. These vicious attacks against a well-qualified nominee should not be tolerated. Mr. Mangi deserves to have his full record reviewed fairly, and senators should reject this orchestrated opposition designed to stoke fears. We celebrate this nomination as we know he will be a tremendous circuit court judge. And we urge all senators to be on the right side of history and support Adeel Mangi's confirmation to the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,



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