

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joesph R. Biden Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to you regarding the nomination of Mr. Adeel Abdullah Mangi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From 2019 to 2023, Mr. Mangi served as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Center for Security, Race, and Rights at Rutgers Law School (the Center), which has a deep history of amplifying antisemitic speech, terrorist propaganda, and anti-American rhetoric. It is clear individuals associated with this radical organization have no place in the federal judiciary. As Members of Congress representing constituents within the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, we request you withdraw Mr. Mangi's nomination immediately.


During his tenure as a board member, the Center supported efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel by pushing for the boycott, divestment, and sanction movement and calling for resistance in Palestine. In 2021, the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey stated that one of the Center's events sought to "delegitimize Israel and to push their antisemitic agenda into a mainstream discourse." The Jewish News Center, among other organizations, labeled a 2021 Center event as "pro-Hamas" and a "terrorist-whitewashing webinar." For those reasons, the Coalition for Jewish Values, the Zionist Organization of America, Americans Against Antisemitism, and others have opposed his nomination.

Additionally, the Center has a record of sympathizing with radical terrorist organizations. On the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Center sponsored an event entitled "*Whose Narrative? 20 Years since September 11, 2001.*" The event, which sought to challenge the "exceptionalization" of the attacks, included speakers with ties to terrorist organizations. As you may know, Sami Al-Arian, a convicted felon who provided support to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), was a featured speaker. At the event, Al-Arian blamed the 9/11 attack on the United States and its support for Israel. As your Administration is aware, PIJ is a foreign terrorist organization and was involved in the atrocities committed against Israel on October 7, 2023.

While Mr. Mangi's affiliation and financial support for the Center is cause for alarm, we also find it deeply troubling that he has failed to denounce the Center and its radical ideology. On numerous occasions in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Mangi was given ample opportunity to denounce examples of antisemitic rhetoric espoused by the Center. He failed to do so in his written responses and oral testimony to the committee every single time.

Given the rise of antisemitism across our nation, we have grave concerns regarding his nomination and impartiality. For these reasons, we ask that you withdraw his nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,



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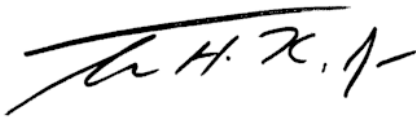
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