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## **NAPO WASHINGTON REPORT**

## Senate Judiciary Committee Advances Nomination for Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division

This morning, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 10-8 to advance Debo Adegbile's nomination to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. NAPO has consistently voiced strong opposition to Mr. Adegbile's nomination. Under Mr. Adegbile's leadership, the Legal Defense Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People volunteered their services to defend Mumia Abu-Jamal, a convicted cop-killer. Abu-Jamal was convicted of murdering Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner in 1982. Mr. Adegbile worked tirelessly to free this unrepentant cop-killer. The nominee's efforts led to the overturning of the just sentence Abu-Jamal received for murdering a valuable member of the law enforcement community.

We urge our members to write to your Senators to express opposition to the nominee. For your reference, NAPO's letter of opposition can be found at the following site: <a href="http://www.napo.org/washington-report/latest-news-updates/napo-opposes-debo-adegbile-nomination/">http://www.napo.org/washington-report/latest-news-updates/napo-opposes-debo-adegbile-nomination/</a>. Please send a copy of your letter to Melissa Nee (mnee@napo.org) so that NAPO can ensure all of our member groups are heard.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Nee at: mnee@napo.org or 703-549-0774.

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