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August 19, 2020

Mr. Jorge E. Navarrete, Clerk
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister St.
San Francisco, CA 94102-3600

Re: *People v. Chester Dewayne Turner*
Supreme Court of California Case No. S154459

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

I will be presenting oral argument in this case on behalf of appellant, Chester Dewayne Turner, on the 1:30 p.m. calendar, on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. At that hearing, I intend to focus my argument on the following issues:

Argument I (Appellant's Second Supplemental Opening Brief):

The Admission of Statements Contained in An Autopsy Report Through the Testimony of an Expert Who Neither Conducted the Autopsy nor Prepared the Report Violated State Hearsay Rules and the Sixth Amendment's Confrontation Clause Requiring Reversal of Count 5 and the Death Judgment. Although I plan to discuss all aspects of this argument, I intend to focus primarily on the state evidentiary violation.

Argument III (Appellant's Opening Brief):

The Trial Court Improperly Excused Two Prospective Jurors Because of their Life Leaning Views on the Death Penalty.

Thank you for bringing this letter to the Court's attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ _____
WILLIAM WHALEY
Deputy State Public Defender

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: ***People v. Chester Dewayne Turner***
Case Number: **Supreme Court Case No. S154459**
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on **August 19, 2020**, at Sacramento, CA.

/s/

JOY E. RAPP

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