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May 16, 2022

CAPITAL CASE

Mr. Jorge E. Navarrete
Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court
California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102-4797

Re: *People v. Ronald Tri Tran*, S165998
Focus Issues for Oral Argument

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

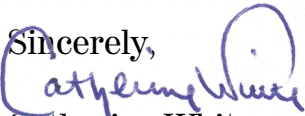
I represent appellant Ronald Tri Tran in the above captioned case. The Court has requested a focus letter identifying those issues on which counsel expects to focus at oral argument, calendared for May 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Please inform the Court that I intend to focus on the following issues (numbered as they appear in the second supplemental opening brief (SSAOB)):

SSAOB XIX. Because the State Introduced Case-specific Hearsay in Violation of *Sanchez* to Undercut the Evidence That Mr. Tran Was Remorseful after Killing Linda, Reversal of the Penalty Phase Is Required.

SSAOB XVIII. Because the State Introduced Case-specific Hearsay in Violation of *Sanchez* to Prove That Mr. Tran and Plata Were Gang Members, and the Admission of this Evidence Cannot Be Deemed Harmless, Reversal Is Required.

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

Sincerely,


Catherine White

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 4833 Santa Monica Avenue, #70220, San Diego, California, 92107. I am not a party to this action.

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Appellant's Focus Letter

upon the parties named below by depositing a true copy in a United States mailbox in San Diego, California, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

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and upon the parties named below by submitting an electronic copy through TrueFiling:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Executed on May 16, 2022, in San Diego, California.

/s/ Catherine White
Declarant

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Supreme Court of California

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(RONALD)

Case Number: **S165998**

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