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

Re: People v. Mora and Rangel (No. S079925)
Focus Letter re: Ruben Rangel

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

At the oral argument scheduled before this Court on April 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Los Angeles, California, I intend to focus on the following issue(s):

The cumulative prejudicial effect of the discovery-related errors affecting the guilt phase as argued in Appellant Rangel's issues I, II and III.

The prejudicial effect of inadmissible gang evidence presented in the penalty phase as outlined in Appellant Rangel's issue XIII and in light of *People v. Sanchez* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Tara K. Hoveland

Tara K. Hoveland
Attorney for Ruben Rangel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify:

That I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within cause; I am employed in the City and County of Los Angeles, State of California; my business address is 1034 Emerald Bay Rd., #235, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150.

On this date I caused to be served on the interested parties hereto, a copy of **APPELLANT RANGEL'S FOCUS LETTER** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Mail at South Lake Tahoe, California, address as set forth below:

Ruben Rangel #P-43300
SQSP, 2-E1-20
San Quentin, CA 94974

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that this Certificate has been executed on March 19, 2018 at South Lake Tahoe, California 96150.

/s/ Tara K. Howland

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Supreme Court of California

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Case Number: **S079925**

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/s/Tara Hoveland

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