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March 23, 2021

Jorge Navarrete  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Supreme Court of California  
350 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: People v. Thomas Lee Battle (No. S119296)

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

Oral argument in the above-referenced case has been calendared for April 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. At that hearing, I intend to focus my argument on the following claim:

Argument I [The Trial Court Erred In Finding No Prima Facie Case of Racial Discrimination Where the Prosecutor Peremptorily Struck African-American Prospective Juror J.B. and Six of the Seven African Americans Called to the Jury Box Were Excused]; and the refinement of this argument presented in the Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief filed on February 10, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**/s/ Elias Batchelder**

Elias Batchelder  
Supervising Deputy State Public  
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**Case Name:** *People v. Thomas Lee Battle*  
**Case Number:** Supreme Court Case No. S119296  
San Bernardino County Sup. Ct., No. FVI012605

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/s/ Kecia Bailey  
KECIA BAILEY

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