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Hon. Patricia Guerrero
Chief Justice
California Supreme Court
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

Re: *People v. McGhee* (S169750) Capital case - focus letter

Dear Chief Justice Guerrero,

I represent the appellant Timothy McGhee in the above-referenced case, and will be arguing on his behalf on December 4, 2024. While there are several issues presented in the case, I will be addressing two at oral argument. I will first discuss the issue addressing the trial court's discharge of the lone holdout juror (issue one in the briefing). Next, if time permits, I will discuss the prosecutor's misconduct in releasing to the press rap lyrics allegedly authored by the appellant (issue six in the briefing).

While there has been substantial supplemental briefing in the case directed at some of the laws that have been passed after the reply brief was filed in 2017, I will not be addressing any of those issues, and will not have filed a reply to respondent's supplemental brief by the time of the argument.

Respectfully,



Patrick Morgan Ford

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