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September 25, 2025 **CAPITAL CASE**

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Re: *People v. Alex Demolle*, S159120
Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This case is scheduled for oral argument on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. At that hearing, counsel for appellant intends to focus on the following issue:

1. The prosecutor's comparison of Mr. Demolle to an animal—"a wolf"—during penalty phase closing argument renders his sentence invalid under the Racial Justice Act as set forth in Argument I of Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Bethany O'Neill
Deputy State Public Defender

Attorney for Appellant

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Case Number: **Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S159120**
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