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Re: People v. Beck and Cruz, Case No. S029843

To the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice, and to the Honorable Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of California:

On behalf of Appellant, James David Beck, I am submitting this letter brief for the purpose of joining the portion of the Supplemental Briefing filed by Appellant Gerald Dean Cruz, so far as it relates to the argument Mr. Beck set forth in Argument XII(A) of his Opening Brief, that the instructional error regarding the conspiracy instructions require reversal of all murder counts.

Furthermore, Appellant Beck requests that this Court consider the case of *People v. Chiu* (2014) 59 Cal.4th 155, which was decided after the completion of Mr. Beck's briefing in this case, and which is more fully argued in the Supplemental Briefing of Mr. Cruz.

Very truly yours,



Andrew Parnes
Attorney for James David Beck

DEATH PENALTY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Emily Dion, hereby certify that I am employed in the County of Blaine, Idaho; I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action; my business address is 671 First Avenue North, Ketchum, Idaho 83340; on November 16, 2016, I served a true and correct copy of a Letter Brief Dated November 16, 2016, to the following persons by depositing copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, at the post office in Ketchum, Idaho, addressed as follows:

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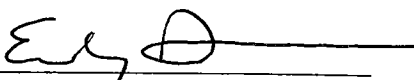
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 16, 2016, at Ketchum, Idaho.



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