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The Honorable Jorge E. Navarrete
Clerk and Executive Officer
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
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RE: *People v. Arturo Juarez Suarez*
Supreme Court of California, Case No. S105876
Napa County Superior Court, Case No. CR 103779
Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This letter specifies the issues on which I expect to focus during oral argument in *People v. Suarez*, case no. S105876, scheduled for argument on June 3, 2020. As respondent's counsel, I intend to focus on the issues identified in appellant's counsel's focus letter. Appellant's counsel has advised me that he will focus on claims I, IV(D), VII, and VIII (as numbered in the respondent's brief).

I. Death qualification of the jury did not violate appellant's rights to equal protection and a representative jury

IV(D). The trial court acted within its broad discretion in denying appellant's challenges for cause and granting the prosecution's challenge for cause (of prospective juror Deborah Brace)

VII. Appellant's Repeated Confessions Were Not Improperly Procured or Admitted

VIII. Trial Court Did Not Err in Finding Any Violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Was Negligent and Nonprejudicial

In addition, I will be prepared to address any matter of interest to the Court.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leif M. Dautch

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