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Re: People v. Scott Thomas Erskine #S127621 Focus Letter for Oral Argument, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Dear Mr. Navarrete and Ms. Boelk:

This letter is to advise the court that I will be focusing my oral argument on the following issues:

Argument II in Appellant's Opening Brief: The Trial Court's Improper Removal of Prospective Juror #154 for Cause Necessitates Reversal of the Death Penalty Judgment.

Argument V in Appellant's Opening Brief: The Trial Judge Violated Appellant's Constitutional Rights When He Instructed Jurors That They Should Reach a Verdict on Penalty "Regardless of the Consequences."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kimberly J. Grove

Attorney for Appellant Scott Thomas Erskine

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, employed in the county of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, in which county the within-mentioned delivery occurred, and not a party to the subject cause. My business address is P.O. Box 425, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and my e-mail address is kimgrove@yahoo.com. I served a true and correct copy of the Appellant's Focus Letter by placing a copy in a sealed envelope with the correct postage and depositing it in the United States mail, or by transmitting a copy electronically, to each of the following persons at the following addresses on February 19, 2019:

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