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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor's Office
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Petition for Executive Clemency Filed on Behalf of Death Row Inmate Kevin Cooper

Dear Governor Brown:

We are filing today with this letter a Petition for Executive Clemency and related documents and exhibits on behalf of our client, Kevin Cooper.

We recognize these materials are voluminous and wish to ensure the greatest ease of review for you and your clemency staff. To streamline such review, we have provided the following materials:

- (1) Application for Executive Clemency, signed by Mr. Cooper, and the Notice of Intent to seek Executive Clemency served by my office upon San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos.
- (2) An original Clemency Petition and four (4) hard copies of the Clemency Petition, spiral bound. The original and these copies each include a disk containing the Clemency Petition and live links¹ to the exhibits to the Clemency Petition for easy reference. They also include a Transcript Disk of pertinent proceedings.²
- (3) Five (5) additional disk sets that include two disks: (1) the Clemency Petition and exhibits (including live linking), as well as (2) a Transcript Disk of pertinent proceedings. These disk sets are complete copies of the materials for consideration of Mr. Cooper's clemency request.

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¹ These links allow the reader to click on the citation to a particular piece of evidence and be presented with the pertinent page of that evidence for his or her review.

² This disk contains: (a) The full Reporter's Transcript of Mr. Cooper's trial in 1984-85 (referred to in Clemency Petition and elsewhere as "RT") except the jury selection proceedings; (b) Transcripts of certain evidentiary hearings in state court in June 2003 before Judge William H. Kennedy (referred to in the Clemency Petition as "ERT"); and (c) Transcripts of evidentiary hearings in 2004-2005 before federal district Judge Marilyn Huff (referred to in the Clemency Petition as "HRT").



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- (4) Copies (one each) of the following pertinent books that are referred to in the Clemency Petition:
- (a) SCAPEGOAT: THE CHINO HILLS MURDERS AND THE FRAMING OF KEVIN COOPER, by J. Patrick O'Connor (Strategic Media Inc. 2012);
 - (b) THE WRONG CARLOS, ANATOMY OF A WRONGFUL EXECUTION (Columbia Univ. Press 2014);
 - (c) CONVICTING THE INNOCENT: WHERE CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS GO WRONG, by Brandon L. Garrett, Harvard Univ. Press 2011);
 - (d) JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION, by Bryan Stephenson (Spiegel & Grau 2014); and
 - (e) PUBLIC JUSTICE PRIVATE MERCY, by Edmund G. Brown (Weidenfeld & Nicolson 1989).

If your office wishes additional copies of any of these materials, we will provide them promptly. If your office wishes anything else, we will try to provide the requested materials with all due haste.

If there are any questions, you can reach the undersigned at (916) 329-7900.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norman C. Hile".

Norman C. Hile

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Enclosures

cc: David Todd Alexander