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Honorable Chief Justice  
and Associate Justices  
Supreme Court of New Jersey  
P.O. Box 970  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: State v. Juan Hernandez-Peralta  
App. Div. Docket No. 3292-22

Your Honors:

The defendant is in receipt of State's motion for leave to appeal in the above-entitled matter. The defendant opposes the State's motion and relies on the record below, including the defendant's Appellate Division brief and the Appellate Division opinion.

The State's motion should be denied as it does not present a question of general public importance that should be settled by this Court, nor is it similar to a question presented under another appeal. In addition, the decision by the Appellate Division does not conflict with any other decision of the same or higher court, nor does it call for an exercise of this Court's supervision.

Moreover, the granting of the motion would result in unnecessary piecemeal litigation of trial-level proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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