IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SAMUEL HOWARD,

Appellant,

v.

WILLIAM GITTERE, Warden, AARON D. FORD, Attorney General for the State of Nevada, and THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondents.

Supreme Court Case Nos. 81278, 81279

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APPELLANT'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXPEDITE

In his motion to expedite, Appellant Samuel Howard asked the Court to resolve the instant appeal by January 23, 2021. Mr. Howard noted in his motion that the State consents to such an expediting, but that it requests—without objection from the undersigned—that oral argument not be scheduled in late December 2020 or early January 2021. In its response to the motion to expedite, the State indicated further that it is willing to waive oral argument. Mr. Howard is also amenable to submission on the briefs pursuant to NRAP 34(f)(2) *if* that is the only practicable way for the Court to decide the case by January 23, 2021, since his priority is to obtain as prompt a ruling as he can. If it is possible for the Court to instead issue a decision by January 23, 2021 while holding oral argument before December 2020 at which counsel could appear remotely, Mr. Howard believes

such a course would be preferable in light of the seriousness of his challenge to the death sentence, as well as the length and complexity of the briefing.

DATED this 2nd day of October 2020.

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