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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON, Respondent,	) ) )	No. 102892-0
V.	)	ANSWER TO
	)	MOTION TO
FERNANDO GUTIERREZ,	)	SUPPLEMENT THE
Petitioner.	)	RECORD
	)	

# I. <u>IDENTITY OF MOVING PARTY AND RELIEF</u> REQUESTED.

In response to the State's motion to supplement the record so that it may provide additional facts in its answer to the petition for review, Mr. Gutierrez asks this Court either to permit him the opportunity to file a brief reply to this representation of the facts in the State's answer to the petition for review, or to deny the State's request and strike the

prosecution's references to additional information from its answer to the petition.

# II. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF AND ARGUMENT.

As the prosecution recognizes in its motion to supplement the record, this Court issued its decision in *State v. Zamora*, 199 Wn.2d 698, 512 P.3d 512 (2022), while Mr. Gutierrez's appeal was pending. *Zamora* was decided after the Court of Appeals issued its decision in this appeal, at a time when this case was stayed pending the outcome of an unrelated case involving a sentencing issue.

Although Mr. Gutierrez did not raise the same issue of prosecutorial misconduct in his direct appeal as *Zamora*, his appeal involves as issue of juror bias premised on considerations of illegal immigration arising during a voir dire that bears similar hallmarks to those at issue in *Zamora*.

The prosecution's answer to Mr. Gutierrez's petition for review cites to a previously undesignated motion and it argues this motion as grounds for denying review. Mr. Gutierrez believes this representation of the facts is incomplete and inaccurate.

RAP 9.6 prohibits designation of clerk's papers after a party has filed their last brief. Based on this rule, Mr. Gutierrez did not add any additional information to the record in his petition for review. The prosecution contends this rule should not be construed to apply to answers to petitions for review. Counsel is unaware of any cases in which that interpretation of the rule has been applied.

additional information and use that information in its answer to the petition for review, Mr. Gutierrez asks for the opportunity to provide a brief reply addressing those facts. Alternatively, Mr. Gutierrez asks this Court to deny the request to supplement the record and strike references to undesignated materials from the answer to the petition for review.

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# V. CONCLUSION.

Mr. Gutierrez respectfully requests this Court permit him to file a brief reply to the State's answer or deny the State's request to supplement the record and strike any arguments based on this additional information.

Counsel certifies this brief complies with RAP 18.17 and contains 409 words.

DATED this 26th day of April 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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