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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your longstanding love and support. As you know, it has been very difficult to coordinate communication such that everyone is on the same page—but I am determined to proceed with as much clarity as possible.

Everyone deserves to know my current position: I do not have confidence that Joe Baxter's plans for my case are aligned with my vision. Joe has lost my one state appeal in which the California Supreme Court rejected all his arguments and unanimously upheld my conviction—and he has absolutely never handled a murder or felony trial or any similar complex trial in the criminal courts. I do not want my case to be an experiment. Moreover, Joe has not taken the time to be in regular contact with me over the years, and this disregard has eroded my trust in him.

It is my fervent request that Chris Andrian take the lead for my habeus corpus hearing, my last opportunity for state appeals. Chris has 45 years of trial experience with serious and complex criminal trials, and has been trial counsel in over 30 homicide cases, including several high-profile and historic ones. He has litigated more than 125 jury trials in state and federal courts, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In light of this, I share with you a recent letter I wrote to Oprah Winfrey. Regardless of her response—or lack thereof—I trust that my voice will be respected and heard, and that I can continue to depend on our years of friendship and faith as we work together towards my eventual release.

In peace,

Jarvis Jay Masters