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The Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO) respectfully moves under Supreme Court Rule 37.2(b) for leave to file a brief as *amicus curiae* in support of Petitioner.

All parties were timely notified of IPNO's intent to file an *amicus* brief. Petitioner has consented to the brief. Respondent State of Louisiana refused to consider IPNO's request for consent because it had not seen the *amicus* brief. Accordingly, proposed *amicus* submits this motion.

IPNO is an organization that aims to exonerate wrongly convicted individuals. As explained in the attached brief, IPNO believes that the Supreme Court of Louisiana's denial of a writ and the rule

applied by the court below ignored the impact of an intellectual disability on the materiality analysis under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). The brief details IPNO's own experiences with false confessions, especially those by intellectually disabled defendants.

For the foregoing reasons, the motion should be granted.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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