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Dear Mr. Cayce:

Pursuant to the Court's Notice Letter of April 8, 2024, Appellant, Bill D. Hicks, in his official capacity as District Attorney for the 34<sup>th</sup> District, hereby joins and adopts the Letter Brief filed by Appellant, State of Texas, as Docket No. 179.

Sincerely yours,

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