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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

**DIVISION *[NUMBER]***

In re <i>[CHILD'S INITIALS]</i> ,	)	
	)	
[A] Person[s] Coming Under	)	
The Juvenile Court Law	)	COURT OF APPEAL
_____	)	No. <i>[Number]</i>
	)	
<i>[SPECIFIC COUNTY &amp; AGENCY</i>	)	
<i>TITLE]</i> ,	)	
	)	SUPERIOR COURT
Plaintiff and Respondent,	)	No. <i>[Number]</i>
v.	)	
	)	
<i>[PARENT'S INITIALS]</i> [Mother/Father],	)	<b>APPELLANT'S REQUEST</b>
	)	<b>TO FILE</b>
Defendant and Appellant	)	<b>OVERSIZED BRIEF</b>
_____	)	

Appellant [mother/father] *[parent's first name & last initial]* asks permission to file an opening brief that exceeds the length limit of 25,500 prescribed by California Rules of Court, rules 8.360 (b) and 8.412 (a)(3), for juvenile dependency appeals. As currently presented, the brief is *[number]* words, exceeding the limit of 25,500 words. Appellant believes

that the number and complexity of the issues presented [and the need to preserve issues for federal review] merit this additional length.

The appellate record is *[number]* pages in length[, including the parts added by augmentation]. *[Describe consequences of judgment or order the appellant is facing.]*

Appellant's opening brief presents *[number]* issues and *[number]* words and is *[number]* pages in length. Appellant believes all of the issues present substantial grounds for relief. [Additionally, the issues must be raised and sufficiently addressed to preserve them for subsequent federal review. (28 U.S.C. § 1257(a); *O'Sullivan v. Boerckel* (1999) 526 U.S. 838, 845.)]

*[Add other reasons, such as complexity of the issues, evolving or novel law, scarcity of authority, conflicts among courts, multiple parts of issues, etc. Describe efforts already made to keep within word limits.]*

For these reasons, appellant respectfully requests permission to file an oversized brief.

Dated: *[date]*

Respectfully submitted,

*[Attorney's name]*

State Bar No. *[number]*

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