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Mr. Peter G. McCabe, Secretary Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts One Columbus Circle, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I would like to express our opposition to the proposed Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 321.

As President of a California based business that employs over 400 people, we oppose the proposal because it will make litigation more expensive and will give an advantage to larger and better-financed litigants. It may also add delay and complexity to the litigation process.

Again, on behalf of small businesses in California, I want to urge you to please stop this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John A. Sandberg President

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