

California State Senate

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November 29, 2021

Marybel Batjer
President, California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Genevieve Shiroma
Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: SENATOR MIN'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF CRUISE ADVICE LETTER 0001

Dear President Batjer and Commissioner Shiroma:

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B Rule 7.4, I hereby submit a response in support of Cruise's Advice Letter 0001 (*Application Name: Cruise Application for Driverless Deployment Permit - Tier 3 Advice Letter*) submitted on November 5, 2021.

I write to submit this letter of support for Cruise's Advice Letter number 0001, which seeks a CPUC Driverless Deployment Permit. As a member of the Senate Transportation Committee, I have actively worked to create a cleaner and safer transportation sector in the state. This year I authored SB 500 which was signed by the governor and would require all new autonomous vehicles (AVs) be electric vehicles (EVs) beginning January 1, 2030. Since its inception, Cruise has embraced these ideals and is currently the only all electric AV company.

Increasing electric vehicles in California is an important step in combatting the impacts of climate change. California has established goals to electrify the transportation sector and Cruise's technology will help to create a cleaner and safer state. Cruise vehicles offer ridesharing opportunities to low-income communities EV transportation who may not otherwise be able to afford personal EVs. This focus on equity will help to remove personal vehicles from California roads, thus reducing GHG emissions.

It is for these reasons that I write to support Cruise's application for Advice Letter number 0001 and I urge the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED) AV Programs to approve this application as quickly as possible. Cruise is an example of the future of transportation in California and the CPUC can help attain this future by expeditiously approving their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVE MIN
State Senator
Senate District 37

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CC: CPUC Commissioners
Doug Ito, Director of CPED