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Douglas Ito  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Director, Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

SUBJ: R.12.12.011 – SAFE Response to Cruise Advice Letter 0001

Dear California Public Utilities Commission Commissioners:

SAFE is a non-partisan organization of the nation's most distinguished military leaders, business entrepreneurs, and energy, economic, and technology experts coming together to advance the adoption of transformative transportation technologies essential to improve America's national security, economic prosperity, and environment.

We write to you to express our principled, policy-grounded endorsement of Cruise's Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Application.

Cruise's all-electric self-driving fleet, fueled in California by 100% renewable clean energy, will offer Californians, and eventually all Americans, fully electrified transportation. This new fleet will reduce our national dependence on oil, and will help to make the U.S. a leader in a defining set of 21st century technologies. Electrification and autonomy, together, can bring us to net-zero carbon emissions.

Moreover, the deployment of connected, autonomous, shared, and electric vehicles can provide unprecedented mobility to millions of our citizens. Too many of our fellow Americans who lack transportation options need a wider range of travel possibilities than currently exist. These connected, autonomous, electric, and shared options can make all the difference to reach a job or keep families connected. Giving Californians cost-effective and clean transit options with safety can create new paths to economic opportunity, equality, and ultimately, dignity.

On this basis, we ask the CPUC to approve expeditiously Cruise's Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Application. Such an affirmative decision will move California and the U.S. toward a cleaner, accessible, and affordable transportation.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robbie Diamond". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robbie Diamond  
President & CEO, SAFE