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Dear Mr. Ito:

The California Council of the Blind, the oldest and largest organization of people who are blind or have low vision, is in support of Cruise's application. We advocate for equal transportation for all people and believe this technology furthers that effort. Autonomous Vehicles (AV) level the playing field for everyone. We would like to see Cruise further their program and continue development of this technology.

A ride sharing fleet fully stocked with AVs would make it possible for someone who is blind or has low vision to call a ride, determine where to go, and get there the same as our sighted peers. Cruise has shown a determination and willingness to partner with the disability community including ours and we applaud their efforts. When it comes to accessibility and safety it is important to include all stakeholders and Cruise is definitely doing that.

In addition to all the safety and accessibility measures that Cruise is taking they are committed to making their fleet fully electronic. This technology will help to reduce California's carbon footprint. It has long been said that California leads the way with technology so this will not only benefit our state but can lead the way for our country when it comes to all of the above benefits.

We strongly urge you to grant Cruise's application and allow them to continue developing this technology.

Sincerely,

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