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

RE: Bay Area Council Comments on Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear Director Ito,

On behalf of the Bay Area Council, representing over 300 major employers across the Bay Area, I am writing to express our continued support for Cruise to expand its existing commercial ride-hailing services to operate all day throughout the City of San Francisco. Passing Draft Resolution TL-19145 will give San Francisco residents, workers and visitors access to safe, clean, and affordable transportation at any time of the day or night.

Cruise has been operating a commercial driverless ride-hailing service in San Francisco and has driven over 2 million driverless miles without a serious injury or accident. Autonomous ride-hailing services hold promise of dramatically improving mobility options for California residents, particularly for seniors or physically disabled populations. Cruise's commercial vehicle service also connects San Francisco businesses to new customers by shuttling customers to storefronts or delivering goods to consumers' doorsteps.

Cruise is also on the leading edge of California's quest to decarbonize the transportation industry – which accounts for over half of all greenhouse gas emissions in the state – by offering access to fully electric vehicles to a wider population. The approval of wide-scale commercial use of Cruise's all-electric autonomous vehicles will provide a safe and equitable mobility option that will help people and goods move more efficiently around San Francisco.

For these reasons, we are proud to continue to support Cruise and respectfully request that you vote to approve its application to expand its services in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Emily Loper
Vice President of Public Policy
Bay Area Council