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

RE: Self-Help for the Elderly Support for Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division,

As a representative of Self-Help for the Elderly, I am writing to express our continued support for Cruise's application to serve the entire city of San Francisco 24/7. Draft Resolution TL-19145 will enable all of San Francisco's older residents and visitors to live fuller, more independent lives by offering the freedom of commuting throughout the city safely.

Self-Help for the Elderly empowers older adults living in San Francisco to live longer, healthier and more purposeful lives. We previously shared our support for Cruise's expanded operations during the December/January 2023 comment period for Advice Letter 002, and are grateful for another opportunity to advocate for a safe, accessible transportation option for the city's older generations. Self-Help for the Elderly hopes the commissioners voting on this key issue pass Draft Resolution TL-19145 next month.

Mobility limitations affect the majority of those 85 years-old and older and San Francisco's unforgiving streets pose a significant safety risk. With Cruise's ridehail service and self-driving technology, seniors can reduce their dependence on others to travel around the city and regain their independence in completing their day-to-day activities.

By passing Draft Resolution TL-19145, the commission will be giving older San Franciscans back their power to run errands, see their families, and stay connected. Our organization urges the commission to move forward with Cruise's application to provide 24/7 service to all of San Francisco, which will increase access to equitable transportation options for our elderly and strengthen the city's sustainable transportation network.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best,

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Self-Help for the Elderly

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Service lists for R.12-12-011, R.19-02-012, and R.21-11-014