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

RE: GOLDEN GATE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF CRUISE ADVICE LETTER 002

Dear Director Ito:

On behalf of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA), I am writing in support of Cruise's application to expand its operations 24/7 to serve the entire city of San Francisco. Cruise is a valued San Francisco community partner, and we support its work to advance sustainable, accessible, and safe transportation options for all residents, visitors, and businesses.

The GGRA is the singular trusted organization and one-stop resource for the culinary community in the Bay Area. Our mission is to celebrate and empower the restaurant community through advocacy, education, marketing, events, and training.

By expanding Cruise's service, our members and their employees will have a safe, clean, and affordable transportation option - particularly late at night when public transit options are limited. A 2019 study from APTA found that among the 790,000 late-shift workers in the US, commute times for those taking public transit were twice as long as those with a personally-owned vehicle. With its all-electric, self-driving fleet, Cruise is able to provide greater access to goods and services across the city, and we know their vehicles will benefit the restaurant community and beyond.

For these reasons, we humbly ask the Commission to approve Cruise's application to expand 24/7 services citywide as soon as possible, so San Francisco can remain a leader in providing transportation options that will benefit the city, our local economy, and residents and visitors.

We appreciate your time and attention.

Thanks,
Laurie Thomas
Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association

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