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

Dear Director Ito:

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group (Leadership Group) writes to support Cruise's application to expand its operational services to the entire city of San Francisco under the CPUC's Driverless AV Passenger Service Deployment program (Program).

The Leadership Group is a business association representing more than 350 Innovation Economy companies. Our members employ nearly one of every three private sector workers in Silicon Valley, and collectively account for more than $4 trillion of economic activity. Since 1977, we have led on policy issues that strengthen and grow the Golden State's innovation leadership, business competitiveness and quality of life.

Allowing Cruise to expand service offerings in San Francisco will improve mobility for many residents who are unable to access traditional transportation options that are limited to owning a private vehicle or living in proximity to public transportation. The elderly, infirm or disabled populations will have increased opportunities to travel for work and play with Cruise's passenger service. Additional modes of travel that are convenient and affordable will help ensure more equitable transportation for the City's diverse communities.

Cruise's expanded services under the Program will also help bring California closer to its ambitious goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Harmful vehicle discharges are a major pollutant contributing to climate change. Cruise's all-electric fleet of autonomous vehicles will serve consumers' transportation needs while reducing reliance on traditional emission-producing automobiles.

In order to create a more accessible and cleaner California, the Leadership Group urges the California Public Utilities Commission to approve Cruise's application to expand its operational services to all of San Francisco under the CPUC's Driverless AV Passenger Service Deployment program.

Respectfully,

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