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

Dear Director Ito:

My name is Bill Bogdan and I am a person with a disability who uses a manual wheelchair every day for mobility. Accessible transportation is one of the major keys towards independence. I'm writing to you in support of Cruise's application to expand its services in San Francisco under the CPUC's Driverless AV Passenger Service Deployment program.

Once again, San Francisco has an unique opportunity to be a national leader by offering fully accessible driverless vehicles for use by residents, including people with disabilities who are totally dependent on accessible transportation. With this proposed expansion, the entire community will be able to take advantage of these benefits immediately. I am also excited that Cruise is working with General Motors and the disability community to develop the first fully-autonomous wheelchair-accessible vehicle, the Origin Mobility.

As a wheelchair user, public/private transportation options are limited. We are often left behind and always thought about as an afterthought. Rideshare companies like Uber/Lyft continue to struggle and fail to meet my transportation needs especially when traveling with my family of five!

I and countless others will benefit greatly with the expansion of robotaxi accessible services like Cruise! Accessible transportation that could operate 24 hours on demand and take me to where I need to go when I need to go!

I urge the commission to vote to approve Cruise's citywide expansion so they can advance their vision for providing a safe, accessible and dignified transportation experience to all.

Best of luck to the San Francisco 49ers as they take on the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Championship and on their way to the Super Bowl!

Sincerely,

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