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

Re: TechNet Response to Cruise AL 002

Dear Director Ito,

On behalf of TechNet, I respectfully request your approval of Cruise's application to expand its operational services to San Francisco citywide, 24/7, under the CPUC's Driverless AV Passenger Service Deployment program. TechNet is committed to promoting innovative technology solutions that build the energy and transportation systems of the future. Investing in the safe driverless deployment of AVs on public roads will bring tremendous benefits to California's passengers and local businesses while also advancing the state's energy and environmental goals.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over five million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance.

Cruise's commercial vehicle service will provide the people of San Francisco another clean transportation option and will help make the roads safer in the process. Through their first 800,000 fully driverless miles, Cruise has maintained a stellar safety record while offsetting hundreds of metric tons of CO2. An expansion of their service area would also keep California at the forefront of innovation and encourage growth in other sectors.

San Francisco businesses also stand to benefit from Cruise's all-electric, self-driving vehicles. Since the onset of the pandemic, Cruise has partnered with

the SF-Marin Food Bank and SF New Deal to deliver 2.3M+ meals to those in need. Cruise's meal delivery effort is a core part of Cruise's social impact program Cruise For Good, which dedicates one percent of its fleet to serving local communities.

If Cruise is allowed to operate its driverless vehicle services in San Francisco at all times, it would bring lasting benefits for businesses, their workers, and our communities. For these reasons, TechNet strongly supports Cruise's application and respectfully requests your approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Executive Director for California and the Southwest
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