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 Todd Roberts and I am submitting this letter in my capacity as CEO of Assistive Technology Development, Inc (ATDev). 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.

I believe having access to fully driverless vehicles will offer San Francisco residents, including some with disabilities, a freedom they haven't experienced before. With this proposed expansion, the community will be able to take advantage of these benefits immediately. I am also excited that Cruise is working with General Motors to develop the first fully-autonomous wheelchair-accessible vehicle, the Origin Mobility.

As the CEO of ATDev, an assistive technology company developing next generation assistive devices for people with disabilities, I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many people with physical disabilities. This often leads to us needing to travel together. As an able-bodied person I have the privilege of using just about any form of transportation, but currently my colleagues do not. The work that Cruise is doing with accessible autonomous vehicles has the opportunity to enable the same level of mobility and autonomy for people with physical disabilities that is currently available to able-bodied people.

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.

Thank you,

Todd W Roberts 1/19/23

Todd Roberts
CEO
Assistive Technology Development, Inc.

cc:
Alice Reynolds, President, CPUC
Karen Douglas, Commissioner, CPUC
Genevieve Shiroma, Commissioner, CPUC
Darcie Houck, Commissioner, CPUC
John Reynolds, Commissioner, CPUC
Christine Hironaka, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Governor's Office
Mark Tollefson, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Governor's Office