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

RE: CPUC Driverless AV Passenger Service Deployment Program Application for Cruise

Dear Director Ito,

I am writing to you in support 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. As co-Founder and co-Chair of the California Legislative Technology and Innovation Caucus, I recommend the careful review and approval of their application.

In supporting Cruise's application, California will remain competitively at the forefront of transportation technology and innovation, while supporting California's clean energy goals through its all-electric fleet. Cruise's commercial vehicle service will connect San Francisco businesses to new customers from virtually anywhere in the city by either shuttling customers to storefronts or delivering goods to consumers' doors. Employees can also benefit from Cruise's dependable, safe, and emission-free rides after working hours. A 2019 study from American Public Transportation Association (APTA) found that among 790,000 late-shift workers in the U.S., the commute times for those taking public transit were twice as long as those with a personally-owned vehicle.

With its commitments to the local community, Cruise is a strong community partner in supporting local restaurants run by small business owners; since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have helped provide 2.3 million hot meals to food-insecure San Franciscans in collaboration with SF-Marin Food Bank and SF New Deal. Through its social impact program, "Cruise For Good," Cruise has dedicated 1% of its fleet to serving local communities. In approving the expansion of Cruise's operations, San Francisco will see significant benefits in the support for local businesses, workers, and community members.

For these reasons, I am in strong support of Cruise's application to expand its services citywide in San Francisco. Thank you for your careful consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Evan Low
Assemblymember, 26th Assembly District – San José/Silicon Valley

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