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Steven Cliff  
Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Support for General Motors' petition, Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0067**

Dear Administrator Cliff,

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I offer our support for General Motors' petition, Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0067, to put the Cruise Origin into commercial service. Our organization is committed to improving conditions for all businesses in San Francisco, and an innovative, accessible rideshare network is an essential aspect of that mission.

San Francisco is an innovation hub of the world, and our economic ecosystem requires partnerships between emerging tech and our small businesses to continue to remain vibrant. Cruise is a prime example of the kinds of partnerships we must continue to foster in our city. They have made a conscious effort to collaborate directly with small businesses on their unique needs, including connecting them to new customer bases from virtually anywhere in the city, either by shuttling customers to storefronts through ridesharing services or delivering goods to consumers' doors.

Cruise currently employs over 2,500 people at various locations throughout the United States who are dedicated solely to the design, development and testing of the Cruise AV and Origin self-driving software, hardware, firmware, and related technology. If General Motors' petition is approved, 2,000 union jobs will be created to develop and deploy the Cruise Origin. Beyond the direct manufacturing jobs growth, there are also additional job creation benefits that will follow to support electrification and charger installation efforts. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, to meet project EV charging demand by 2030, [22,720 new jobs will be required through the end of the decade](#) to build out Level 2s and DCFCs electric vehicle charging networks .

A sustainable and efficient transportation network is necessary for a thriving economic environment and livable communities. On behalf of our organization, I urge the administration to grant approval for this petition so General Motors can begin to build and deploy the Cruise Origin.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong".

Rodney Fong  
President & CEO