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Board of Directors  
Galatoire's Restaurant, Incorporated  
209 Bourbon Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing in support of Gilberto Eyzaguirre, former waiter at your restaurant, who has been dismissed.

One brief story:

Gilberto has been my waiter at your restaurant since 1989, when I was a producer for WWL-TV. Despite my long absences from town, Gilberto has diligently remembered both me and my drinking and dining preferences.

In 1994, I re-introduced Dr. Brobson Lutz and the late Chef Louis Arbot to Galatoire's. At that time, both of them decreed your restaurant as "past its prime," but reluctantly agreed to dine with me and a small group. Gilberto served Chef Arbot "the best Sazerac in memory," and saw to it that our table ate exceedingly well, with inspired choices both on and off the menu. After that meal, both Dr. Lutz and Chef Arbot were Galatoire's devotees again, thanks to Gilberto.

It was Dr. Brobson Lutz who saw to it that S.M. Hahn, former restaurant critic for the Times-Picayune, was introduced to Gilberto and the best possible dining experience at your restaurant. The Hahn review and its five stars would not have been possible without Gilberto's grace and expertise.

I could list a score of other reasons why he is a treasure, but I will leave that to his other devoted customers. I ask only that you reinstate Mr. Gilberto Eyzaguirre.

Most sincerely,



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