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Board of Directors
Galatoire's
209 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, La. 70130

Dear Board Members:

Recently when I entertained out-of-town guests at Galatoire's, I was stunned and embarrassed to discover that Gilberto had been fired: stunned because I had been extolling his virtues to my friends, particularly the twenty years of dining pleasure to which Gilberto had contributed by his expertise in food and wine. I was embarrassed at the reason for his dismissal: sexual harassment.

I taught on a university campus for over thirty years and have seen the damage such charges as "sexual harassment" and "racism" can do to an organization. It is a slippery slope you at Galatoire's have embarked upon and one I am sure you will have cause to regret. Those who have dismissed Gilberto may some day have the charges levelled against them, for once a precedent is set, the second charge (and possible dismissal) will be easier.

I hope you will reconsider your dismissal of Gilberto. In the meantime, my friends and I will be dining elsewhere.

Mr. Jean Galatoire, Mr. Justin Galatoire, Mr. Leon Galatoire, and Miss Yvonne Galatoire would be very disappointed to discover what has happened to their beloved restaurant.

Truly yours,



David A. Dillon