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Dr. Kenneth Holditch
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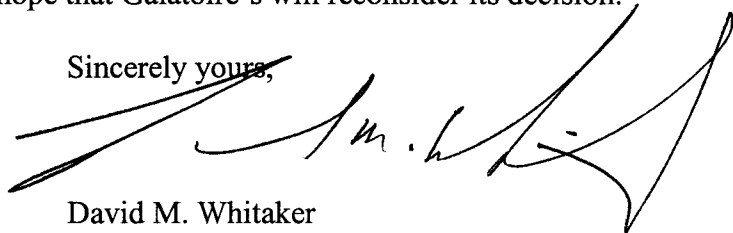
Dear Dr. Holditch:

I write to express support for Gilbert, my preferred waiter at Galatoire's Restaurant. I have been a loyal customer of the restaurant for more than sixteen years. While the restaurant's food is certainly delicious, there are several restaurants in New Orleans that serve outstanding meals— and a few, in my opinion, even surpass Galatoire's in terms of cuisine. However, what sets Galatoire's apart and makes it the best restaurant in the city is ambiance - which is personified by Gilbert. I was introduced to Gilbert several years ago by my uncle, Henri Schindler, a long time Galatoire's customer, and he has been the waiter of choice for my family ever since.

Gilbert is the most charming, attentive and professional waiter I have encountered in my dining experience. He is courteous, humorous and frank in his recommendations regarding the daily fare. When my wife and I discuss dining plans, we sometimes contemplate trying one of the new restaurants in town that has opened to rave reviews. Most times, we just decide "let's go see Gilbert." Gilbert has also helped to make several special occasions (such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation dinners and holiday celebrations) memorable dining experiences.

Gilbert has become a central part of our Galatoire's dining experience, and if the restaurant does not reinstate him, we will be extremely disappointed and begin to dine at other establishments much more frequently— in particular, whatever restaurant is fortunate enough to retain Gilbert's services. We sincerely hope that Galatoire's will reconsider its decision.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. M. Whitaker", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name "David M. Whitaker".

David M. Whitaker