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To the Board of Directors of Galatoire's:

One of the charms of Galatoire's is the veteran staff of waiters, who know the names and idiosyncrasies of the regular diners.

I grew up near New Orleans and was introduced to the restaurant by my mother more than 50 years ago. Whenever I visited the city, I ate at Galatoire's. When I moved to New Orleans in 1993, my friends Richard and Kristina Ford introduced me to 'their waiter,' Gilberto Ezequienne, and he's been waiting on my table ever since with great humor, charm and elegance.

I was distressed to learn that Gilberto has been discharged and am writing to add my voice to those other loyal Galatoire's patrons who want him back. We hope you will find some way to return Gilberto to Galatoire's.

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