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To: Management: Galatone's Restaurant -

I am writing this letter in support of my dear friend - your waiter - Gilbert.

I was shocked to hear that he has been terminated - for alleged sexual harassment. Knowing Gilbert as I do I cannot believe that this is true. Perhaps a friendly pat, but certainly not a sexual overture!

Gilbert is the best restaurant employee I have ever known. He gives me terrific service and always some little "extras" with our vodka or champagne. Always his recommendation as to the menu items are splendid.

In order to truly value Gilbert, one need only visit Antoinette's as I had the misfortune to do. Their head waiter recommended a fish that was so old it even smelled. 5 of my guests took one bite and sent it back to the garbage!

For over 14 years I have made Galatone's my personal head quarters during the annual Tennessee Wilson's Festival. Gilbert never fails to compliment me in some way. He introduces me (as T.W.'s brother) to your entire room. "He is the heart and soul of the festival!"

Please do not discharge him! Dakin