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May 12, 2021

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senator 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 174-21

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On April 20, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 174-21 (Supporting H.R. 842 (Scott, D-VA-3) - Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021), which was enacted on April 30, 2021.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

• One copy of Resolution No. 174-21 (File No. 210394)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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| 12 | working families are losing work, struggling with childcare options, and failing to make ends |
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| 15 | frontline workers to keep communities safe; and |
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