June 9, 2021

Melanie Vinson Chief Legal Officer Confluent, Inc. 899 W. Evelyn Avenue Mountain View, California 94041

> Re: Confluent, Inc. Registration

Statement on Form S-1

Filed June 1, 2021 File No. 333-256693

Dear Ms. Vinson:

We have reviewed your amended registration statement and have the following

comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we

may better understand your disclosure.

 $\label{eq:please respond} \mbox{ Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the}$

requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and

circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your $\,$

response.

 $\qquad \qquad \text{After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you} \\$

provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments. Unless we note

otherwise, our references to prior comments are to comments in our May 20, 2021 letter.

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Consolidated Financial Statements Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements Note 14. Subsequent Events, page F-37

1. We note that in April and May 2021, the company granted stock options and RSUs with both service-based and performance-based vesting conditions. We further note that in May 2021, the company reserved an aggregate of 250,000 shares of common stock for issuance to a charitable foundation upon or after the closing of the company s initial public offering. Please explain your consideration of disclosing an estimate of the share-based compensation expense and pro forma earnings per share impact with respect to these issuances. We refer you to ASC 855-10-50-2(b).

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2. We note in January 2021, a malicious third party gained unauthorized access to a third-

party vendor, Codecov, that provides a software code testing tool, potentially affecting

more than a thousand of $\operatorname{Codecov}$ s customers, including you, which you refer to as the

 $\hbox{ Codecov Breach. We further note that through your investigations, you have determined } \\$

that the attackers leveraged a vulnerability in ${\tt Codecov} \quad {\tt s} \ {\tt software} \ {\tt to} \ {\tt gain} \ {\tt access} \ {\tt to}$

credentials in your development environment, and thereby obtained unauthorized read-

only access to, and copied to overseas IP addresses, the private Github repositories

containing your source code, references to certain customers, and certain documents

containing customer information. Please tell us how you evaluated and assessed any $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

contingent liabilities associated with the Codecov Breach. We refer you to ASC 450-20-

 $\,$ 55-14. Explain your consideration of disclosing the Codecov Breach as a subsequent

event. We refer you to the guidance in ASC 855-10-50.

You may contact Morgan Youngwood, Senior Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3479 or Stephen Krikorian, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3488 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Alexandra Barone, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-8816 or Jan Woo, Legal Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3453 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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