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Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Philadelphia Parking Authority
Taxicab and Limousine Regulations (Regulation ID No. 126-1 IRRC No. 2885)

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I write to respectfully request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) approve the above referenced Final Rulemaking Order at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

The Independence Visitor Center Corporation (IVCC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1998 that operates a regional visitor center in Philadelphia. The IVCC operates in partnership with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and Independence National Historical Park, and coordinates activities with the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, other tourism promotion agencies in the region, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia.

In short, the IVCC champions tourism and the full enjoyment of the many wonderful commercial and tourist attractions our region has to provide. In that capacity we understand and value the significance of clean, safe and reliable taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Parking Authority (Authority) has made great strides in improving these vital services. However, there remains much room for improvement.

That is why I fully support the Authority's well measured final-form regulations, which have been significantly amended to address public comment. I believe the Authority's regulations before you now will result in the continued improvement to taxicab and limousine services in Philadelphia. I respectfully urge the Members of your Commission to approve those regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James J. Cuorato
President and CEO

