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

Re: Final Rulemaking Order (IRRC No. 2885)
Philadelphia Parking Authority

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

In my current capacity as business executive, long-time resident, and frequent taxicab user in Philadelphia, I write to urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("Commission") to approve the Philadelphia Parking Authority's (PPA) final-form taxicab and limousine regulations, which will foster continued improvement to those industries

As the 44th Governor of Pennsylvania, I know well the value of responsible and well crafted government regulations and the associated positive impact on regulated parties and the traveling public. Further, as former President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, I am delighted to tell you that the quality of taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia over the past several years has improved tremendously. Such services are crucial to our region's economic performance, everyday ability to serve citizens, businesses and tourists and, of course, our reputation as a caring, welcoming place.

Clearly, the PPA's regulatory stewardship has resulted in cleaner and safer vehicles, better trained drivers, and reasonable rate increases that have assisted drivers, while not creating an economic burden or disincentive for those who use these important services. This encouraging trend must continue if our City and region are to remain economically competitive and attractive to residents and travelers.

In closing, let me thank you for consideration of my comments and ask that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission act to approve the Authority's regulations at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,



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