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

Re: Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations
        Final Rulemaking (Agency/ID No. 126; IRRC No. 2885)

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I would like to respectfully request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("Commission") approve the Philadelphia Parking Authority's ("Authority") final-form taxicab and limousine regulations at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

As a lifelong resident of the Germantown section of Philadelphia, I have witnessed first hand many of the past failings of taxicabs and limousines. From a lack of availability to plainly unsafe conditions, Philadelphia has had its challenges with these service providers. However, over the past several years there has been a noticeable increase in the quality of that service. I recognize the staff of the Authority as the prime cause of that improvement. I believe it is important that the Authority be able to continue to raise the level of service provided by taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia.

I also note the significant level of consensus the Authority has sought to achieve through major modifications to the final-form regulations. Those changes were based on both public comments and the comments of your staff. I believe those regulations will maintain the same standards currently employed in Philadelphia and permit future improvements through a very transparent process.

Therefore, I urge the Members of the Commission to vote to approve the final-form regulations.

Sincerely,

Donna Reed Miller
Councilwoman
8th Council District