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

Re: Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations
Final Rulemaking Order (IRRC No. 2885)

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Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

For many years, I have been actively involved in trying to improve vehicular mobility issues in the City of Philadelphia. In matters such as Automated Red Light Cameras, major on-street parking initiatives, and the Live Stop Program, I have consistently advocated for creative and meaningful legislative and regulatory changes.

I have observed the marked increase in the quality of taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia since 2005, which has been promoted by the regulations of the Philadelphia Parking Authority ("Authority"). The Authority published new proposed regulations in November 2010, to be consistent with the requirements of a state agency. Those proposed regulations drew many comments from the public, legislators and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("Commission").

The Authority's final-form regulations contain many substantive changes requested by those commentators. The Authority's goal is to replicate its successful local regulations in the form required of a state agency. I believe that goal has been achieved and look forward to additional improvements that the Authority will implement in future rulemakings, such as alternative energy and wheelchair accessible vehicles and the introduction of a generally newer fleet of taxicabs and limousines to the Philadelphia market.

I write to urge the Commission to approve the Authority's final-form regulations at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,

Frank Rizzo