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August 1, 2011

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

Re: Final Rulemaking Order (Regulation ID No. 126-1 IRRC No. 2885)
Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations

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.

Over the past several years, I have worked collaboratively with the Philadelphia Parking Authority ("Parking Authority") on a number of issues facing the City of Philadelphia. In this context, I appreciate the abilities of the Parking Authority's staff and their ongoing and steadfast commitment to reasonably implement various initiatives that have been assigned to this agency.

As the Majority Leader of the Philadelphia City Council and Board Member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, I recognize the positive financial impact of clean, safe, and reliable taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia. That impact is felt not only by our residents, but also by tourists and businesses in Philadelphia, as well as the Commonwealth at large.

I believe that the Parking Authority's current regulations have brought great improvements to taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia and, the regulations before you now, will permit that progress to continue. I highly recommend that these regulations be approved.

In advance, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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