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Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I write to support the passage of the Final Form Taxicab and Limousine Regulations from the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

I have worked closely with the Authority and its Taxicab and Limousine Division since before the agency assumed regulatory authority for taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia from the PA Public Utility Commission in 2005. As Deputy Director of Aviation for Operations & Facilities for Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), I am responsible for the operations for taxicabs and limousines servicing the airport. The Authority incorporated my concerns into its proposed taxicab and limousine regulations and is responsive to airport ground transportation needs on a day to day basis.

I understand that a number of requirements to improve taxicab and limousine service were cut from the final form regulations in order to expedite passage of the reformatted rules. I believe proceeding in this fashion is a prudent course to take in order to allow enforcement against the segment of the regulated industry that refuses to comply with existing law. PHL customers would benefit from wheelchair accessible, alternative fuel and newer vehicles. It is my expectation that those improvements will be handled in future rulemaking.

I respectfully request that you approve the Authority's final form taxicab and limousine regulations at your meeting on August 25th.

Sincerely,



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Philadelphia International Airport