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Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

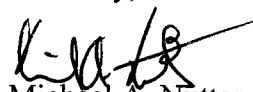
I would like to add my voice of support for the Final Form Taxicab and Limousine Regulations proposed by the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

Both the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have made significant investment in the tourism and hospitality industries in our city. As part of that investment and with our commitment to an integrated transportation system, these regulations are an important step toward achieving our goals. While there is still much work to be done, the taxicab and limousine industries have seen significant improvement since the Philadelphia Parking Authority assumed regulatory responsibility.

All of us would have preferred to see additional service enhancements included in the proposed regulations however, I agree with the PPA's plan to present status quo regulations at this time and provide appropriate opportunities for dialogue on any proposed enhancements. This plan will provide the necessary foundation for the PPA to fulfill its regulatory responsibility, while those additional issues are reviewed. Failure to move forward at this time could lead to regulatory limbo which would have serious negative consequences on industry members and, most importantly, citizens who rely on these transportation options.

I strongly urge the approval of the Final Form Regulations to insure continuity of regulatory and enforcement activities for both the industry and the public.

Sincerely,


Michael A. Nutter
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