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Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman  
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Greetings Mr. Chairman:

We wanted to submit a follow up response concern ACT 94 2004 concerning the age of a Philadelphia taxicab. In the proposed form legislative comments, both Representatives Thomas and Cohen gave the legislative intent concerning the age of a Philadelphia taxicab. Neither of these honorable Representatives felt that the Authority had the powers to enforce a mileage restriction. Both were present during the vote for ACT 94 2004 and are aware of its legislative intent. It appears that the legislators are in disagreement concerning whether the Authority has the power to enforce and regulate the mileage of a taxicab in Philadelphia. There are no rural areas in Philadelphia therefore the wear and tear is consistent. There was no mention in any of the statues that authorized taxi regulators to grant leniency to rural taxicab operators concerning the age of a vehicle. ACT 94 2004 was clearly written for Philadelphia only. Furthermore, the PUC has no mileage restriction for any other localities within Pennsylvania, which means again that ACT 94 was targeted for Philadelphia only. The legislators should revisit the Statue and make the necessary changes. But clearly, the current version of the Statue relating to the age of a Philadelphia taxicab is clear. Chairman Thomas and Representative Cohen have presented the correct interpretation of this matter.

Respectfully submitted;

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