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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.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority's ("Authority") final-form regulations include numerous significant changes when compared to the proposed regulations. Some of these changes came from communication directly between the Parking Authority and me in March of this year. Below are the comments that I submitted:

*"In Section 1017.3/1017.4 Taxicab age/mileage parameters it is proposed that all taxicabs operating in the Philadelphia area and operating under these regulations come into service with no more than 15,000 in mileage and no more than 12 months of age. It is proposed that the introductory mileage of a vehicle operating under these regulations increase to 25,000 miles and the age of vehicle be increased to two (2) years of age."*

The PPA has abandoned attempts to increase age and mileage limits beyond what have been in place since 2005. This compromise indicates the Authority's willingness to cooperate and seek a consensus with the many different regulated parties and interested members of the general public.

It is the general consensus that the implementation of the Authority's final-form regulations will be in the best interests of the regulated parties and the residents, businesses and tourists in Philadelphia, I recommend that the Commission approve those regulations.

Sincerely,

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