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Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 14th Floor 333 Market Street 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 approve the above referenced Final Rulemaking Order at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

As Chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee I have reviewed many taxicab and limousine rulemaking orders of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC"). I have observed the PUC's willingness to compromise and adjust its proposed regulations in response to public comments. The Philadelphia Parking Authority ("Authority") has similarly compromised several of its objectives as detailed in its proposed regulations through significant amendments present in the final-form regulations before you now.

I am pleased to note that those amendments evidence the impact of public comments and the Authority's willingness to seek consensus in developing its taxicab and limousine regulations. I recommend that these regulations be approved.

Sincerely,

Representative Robert W. Godshall

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