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Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor
333 Market Street
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Re: Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations
Final Rulemaking (Agency/ID No. 126; IRRC No. 2885)

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I write in support of the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Final-form Taxicab and Limousine Regulations and to ask that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission approve those regulations at its August 25, 2011 meeting.

I was a sponsor of Act 94 of 2004, which designated the Authority as the sole regulator of taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia. I believe that the Authority's local presence has brought the heightened level of regulatory oversight needed to address public concerns about the quality of service and the level of safety surrounding taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia.

The final-form regulations now before IRRC will maintain the existing regulatory structure in Philadelphia and further advance the purpose of Act 94. Those regulations have been heavily modified to remove the provisions that several commentators believed would increase operating costs. Because I believe that any delay in the approval of these regulations will be detrimental to the public good in Philadelphia, I urge the IRRC Commissioners to vote to approve the Authority's regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William F. Keller', written over a horizontal line.

Representative William F. Keller
184th Legislative District