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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 regulations.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority's ("Authority") final-form regulations include numerous significant changes when compared to the proposed regulations. I understand that those changes have been implemented in furtherance of the goal of continuing the current successful regulatory status in Philadelphia, through the state agency process. Those changes also indicate the Authority's willingness to cooperate and seek a consensus with the many different regulated parties and interested members of the general public.

Because I voted for Act 94 of 2004, which provided the Authority with this regulatory power, I am pleased to see that it has exercised its discretion in a cooperative manner. As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I can also attest to the professional and reasonable manner in which the Authority submits its annual budgets and fee schedules. The Authority has always been responsive to the Committee's questions, which has resulted in 8 consecutive deemed approvals.

The continued application of Act 94 through the Authority's regulations will be in the best interests of the regulated parties and the residents, businesses and tourists in Philadelphia. I highly recommend that the Commission approve those regulations.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Waters
Member, PA. House of Representative
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