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August 8, 2011

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 request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) approve the above referenced regulations.

The Philadelphia Parking Authority's (Authority) final-form taxicab and limousine regulations include numerous significant changes compared to the proposed version of those regulations approved in November 2010. Those changes were made to continue the current regulatory status in Philadelphia, which is very important because the current process has lead to so many improvements to taxicab and limousine service. 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.

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 and its budges and fee schedules have been approved eight consecutive times.

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 at your August 25, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. O'Brien".
Michael H. O'Brien
Member, 175th Legislative District

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