

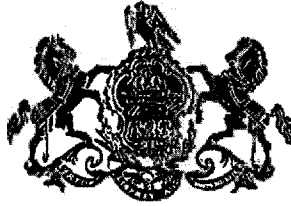
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Re: Philadelphia Parking Authority - Final Rulemaking
Agency ID No. 126/IRRC No. 2885

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I write in support of the Philadelphia Parking Authority's ("Authority") above referenced Final Rulemaking and to ask that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission ("IRRC") approve those regulations at its October 6, 2011 meeting.

The Authority has regulated taxicabs and limousines in Philadelphia for eight years. The Authority's locally promulgated regulations have resulted in the use of cleaner vehicles better trained and screened drivers and have produced overall stability in the taxicab and limousine markets. Those changes have benefitted the traveling public and the businesses that rely on those transportation services, and drivers and owners of taxicabs and limousines who now enjoy a better working environment.

In developing its final-form regulations, the Authority made substantive changes to the proposed regulations it issued in November of 2010. Those changes were prompted by public comments and clearly focused on regulatory issues that several commentators believed would increase costs. As you know, the Authority also took the additional precautionary step of issuing a Notice of Advanced Rulemaking and then made even more changes to the regulations in response to comments. The Authority has made great attempts to reach a consensus with the regulated industries and I believe that it has been successful in doing so, in a manner that will have no fiscal impact upon those industries.

Any delay in the approval of these regulations will be detrimental to the public good in Philadelphia; therefore, I urge the IRRC Commissioners to approve the Authority's final-form regulations.

Sincerely,

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