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Mr. John F. Mizner, Esquire
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Chairman Mizner:

On behalf of Liberty Resources, Inc. (LRI), I am writing to offer our full support for Regulations #126-5 and #126-6, submitted by the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA), which will help to improve drastically needed wheelchair accessible taxicab service in the City of Philadelphia.

Liberty Resources, Inc. (LRI), Philadelphia's Center for Independent Living, provides services and supports to thousands of people with disabilities throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding counties. As a non-profit Center, LRI is mission driven to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities so they can live independently in the community with the self-directed services and supports they need to ensure that they have the fullest opportunity to live independently in the community with their families and loved ones. An important component of Independent Living is the availability of safe and reliable transportation that is accessible, including mass transit and wheelchair accessible taxis.

For too long, people with disabilities have been left with less than adequate transportation in Philadelphia. The current number of wheelchair accessible taxicabs falls short of meeting the needs of residents, tourists, and veterans



with disabilities. These regulations would add 45 medallions for wheelchair accessible taxicabs and 105 additional wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs) over time to meet the demands of this ridership. This regulation would also allow Philadelphia to remain globally competitive with other large cities across the nation in terms of accessibility, which would in turn promote the economic growth of our city. For all of these reasons, LRI respectfully requests your support of Regulations #126-5 and #126-6.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H. Earle". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thomas H. Earle
Chief Executive Officer