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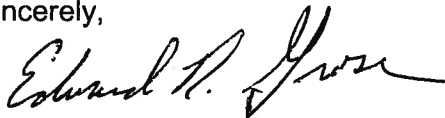
Dear Chairman Mizner:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association, an organization consisting of 91 hotels and over 160 Allied Members, about the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Regulation #126-8: Taxicab Safety Cameras. We fully support for this much needed new initiative by the Authority.

Safety and security cameras are heavily relied upon in almost every aspect of modern life. The hospitality industry is no exception where cameras are routinely utilized in maintaining the safety of hotel guests. I see no reason why this same level of security should not be afforded to taxicab drivers who are required to pick up anyone who requests their services whether they feel comfortable doing that or not.

As we've seen time and time again over many years, taxicab drivers are vulnerable to assault and much worse every day. Any measures that can be taken to help keep them safe and at the same time help keep citizens and visitors safer when using this form of public transportation should be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Ed Grose,
Executive Director