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Independent Regulatory Review Commission David Sumner, Executive Director 333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: Regulation #126-8 (IRRC #3048)
Taxicab Safety Cameras

Dear Mr. Sumner:

This letter serves to offer my full support for Regulation #126-8 (IRRC# 3048), submitted by the Philadelphia Parking Authority, regarding the installation of safety cameras in all taxicabs in Philadelphia. It is extremely important to ensure the safety and protect the lives of taxicab drivers and the riding public. I believe that installing cameras and posting notices alerting the public of the existence of the cameras will deter crime and will aid law enforcement in apprehending criminals.

The benefits that the safety cameras will offer outweigh any costs that may be associated with installation and maintenance of such cameras. The levels of violence against taxicab drivers in Philadelphia is egregious. If installing safety cameras helps to alleviate the hazards of this dangerous occupation, then I see no reason as to why cameras should not be installed. Reducing violent crime against taxicab drivers and the traveling public has countless beneficial consequences and should have the full support of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

As such, I respectfully request your support of Regulation #126-8 (IRRC #3048). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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