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Dear Chairman Lutkewitte,

Philadelphia Cab Association Inc., a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation that represents hundreds of Philadelphia Taxicab Drivers, fully supports Regulation 126-8, regarding the installation of safety cameras in all taxicabs in Philadelphia.

As Taxicab Drivers, we know first-hand the dangers of our profession. We are glad to have the Philadelphia Parking Authority recognize these risks and implement safety measures for our benefit and the benefit of our customers.

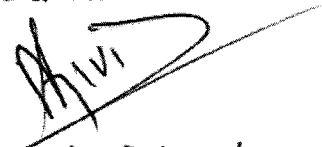
Our organization looked into the costs of safety cameras and found that they cost no more than \$400 to \$500. Such a nominal cost, in light of the other costs of operating a taxicab, should not prevent the passage of this proposed regulation. If only one act of violence of one life is saved as a result of the cameras, the expense of the cameras will have been worth it.

Additionally, the cameras will allow drivers to communicate better with dispatchers and will allow dispatchers to see whether the police need to be called or whether other measures need to be taken.

As Taxicab Drivers, we do not see a downside that outweighs the positive impact safety cameras will have on our profession.

Please support Regulation 126-8

Thank you.
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