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Philadelphia will never be viewed as a first class world city until it has a fully accessible cab service.

PPA has to end the segregation in the transport services it is supposed to provide to all residents and visitors to Philadelphia. Whether it is segregation based on race or based on disability it is still segregation and it must end.

25 years ago the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed and there really is no excuse for all cabs to be accessible today apart from an admission to systematically segregate disabled people from their families and their community. It has to stop.

First step 25 years later is to only issue new Medallions to accessible taxis which are suitable for all disabilities.

Second when a vehicle is replaced either for a new or used vehicle that vehicle too must be accessible.

Third funding for incentives for this to happen can come from taxing cab owners of inaccessible cabs and incentivizing accessible cab owners.

Fourth training for cab drivers in customer care for disabled people must be compulsory.

Fifthly there must be an accessible shared ride system from the airport and 30th St station. Just think what image visitors to the city have when they are stranded at the Airport and what message they take around the world.

And finally there must be a complaints system when drivers refuse rides or are inappropriate in their customer care.

Most major international cities have already put all the above in place. Isn't it time for the Nation's first capital?

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