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I support the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Proposed Rulemaking Order 126-11, which would require all vehicles proposed for taxicab service after a designated date to be wheelchair accessible. I believe that a fully accessible taxicab system is a vital component of any world-class city and reflects how a city respects the civil rights of its citizens and visitors. It is important that this rulemaking passes so that the City of Brotherly Love becomes the first city in America with a fully integrated taxicab system.

As a frequent visitor to Philadelphia via NJ Transit who enjoys all the city has to offer, including shopping, restaurants, museums and excellent nightlife, my experiences are often hindered by the lack of accessible transportation options. While those without physical disabilities are able to catch a cab at the wave of an arm at any time of day.

Philadelphia taxicab companies stand to gain hundreds of thousands of new customers by serving the whole population of both residents and visitors rather than just a segregated segment.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It's time the City of Brotherly Love loves residents and visitors back, with liberty and Taxis For All.

Thank you,

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