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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. My boyfriend, as a young man living with Friedreich's ataxia, uses a wheelchair. We are frequently in the city for his doctor's appointments at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as well as to dine out with friends. We've had cabs pass us by in cities because he uses a wheelchair. 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.

Thank you, Felicia DeRosa

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