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New Mobility magazine, a publication of United Spinal Association, is a colorful lifestyle magazine for wheelchair users, focusing on full participation in education, work, love, sex, parenting, art, recreation and travel. Our readers travel extensively and a common complaint is that wheelchair accessible ground transportation in cities such as Philadelphia is not sufficient. As tourists, they want to do what every other tourist does -- call a cab to get from their hotel to a restaurant, or the art museum, or to a Phillies game. Also, we have a substantial number of readers who reside in Philadelphia who would like to be able to hail a cab just the same as all other Philadelphians can do. Therefore, New Mobility supports 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. We believe 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.

Thank you,
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