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My son uses a power wheelchair. His specialiat is at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. An accessible taxi system would make it possible for us to travel from airport to hospital to see him for treatment, and around the city as well. When we travel to hospitals in Chicago and St. Louis we use their accessible taxis and it is wonderful. At the moment, we are unable to come to your hospital for medical needs or fun, because we can not get around the city.

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.

Thank you,

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