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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.

We come to Philadelphia to visit a specialist at CHOP and my son is disabled. It was extremely difficult for us to navigate through Philadelphia from airport to hotel to hospital. We were never able to get a handicap accessible taxi in time for our appointments even with prior reservations. Instead I had to lift all 125 lbs of him into a backseat of many taxis and then breakdown his chair into smaller parts to attempt to get it to fit in a trunk. It made for a very stressful and weary trip! Hopefully next time we visit you will have passed this rulemaking and our visit will be a lot more enjoyable!

Thank you,

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