

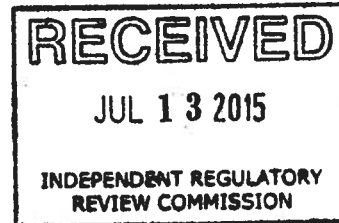
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I support the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Proposed Rulemaking Order 126-11, which would require all vehicles proposed for taxicab service after a designated date to be wheelchair accessible. I believe that a fully accessible taxicab system is 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.

Please save people like myself from the inability to freely access the world outside of our homes more independently and stop missing out on living a more fulfilling live.

Prior to being required to use a wheelchair to mobilize in my early forties, I was very active in my community, in my church and with my family, friends, and associates. I independently traveled a great deal around my own city, others states, and outside of the country.

Besides coping with the many challenges of being a cancer survivor who suffers from negative effects from the treatments, the hardest thing for me to deal with is being stranded, stuck in the house and excluded from everything others participate in and have access to. I waste way to much valuable time begging, trying to coordinate a ride for my wheelchair and I. And it is a very discouraging feeling to always feel like I am inconveniencing folks, cramping their so called style, and creating unnecessary hardship for them to include me in their travel plans.

It's extremely frustrating to have my own car and can't drive it. And what's worst is it's the same car I never minded volunteering to carry friends, family, clients or anyone else all around in before I got sick. Most of which don't OFFER me a ride even to go to the same place they are already going. If an accessible taxi was available I would be able to do much more for myself and there wouldn't be so much pressure put on the same few people who do everything they can to try to assist me with all of the top priority errands to also try to

stretch themselves thinner to accommodate recreational pursuits and less urgent but still important and necessary errands I need to run to manage my life and the responsibilities of the properties I own.

Thank you,

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