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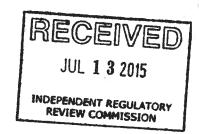
Philadelphia Parking Authority's Proposed Rulemaking Order 126-11

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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.

As the creator of the popular blog, The Disabled Foodie (http://thedisabledfoodie.com), I review restaurants and food venues on food, service, and accessibility. So, full accessibility in all areas of life is important for me and others with disabilities. For Philadelphia to only have eight wheelchair accessible taxis on the road is shameful. I hope this will be change immediately to increase access for all.

Thank you,

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