

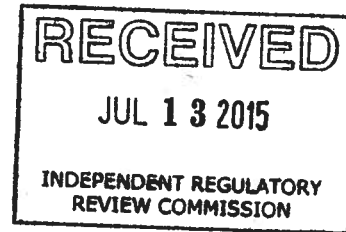
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I use an electric wheelchair at all times and am unable to drive myself. I rely on public transportation, or drivers to bring me places in an accessible van. I also travel frequently, but am forced to use a manual chair and am very limited in where I can go. Requiring all taxis to be wheelchair accessible will not only benefits elderly Americans who will continue to visit Philadelphia, but also people with disabilities who travel to our city. It would also benefit me significantly, because my personal van is very old and often breaks down. When I am in the city, I cannot always find public transportation to bring me close enough to my destination, especially during the winter when I am very limited in how far I can go outside because of the cold weather and snow. Being able to access any taxicab And knowing that it is accessible would make me feel a freedom and level of independence I haven't felt since before my injury confined me to a wheelchair. It would also relieve the burden and inconvenience I have to put friends through when they can all just happened to any taxicab, but I am unable to. It makes me feel like a hindrance, especially when everyone is spontaneously going to a new destination and enjoying the nightlife.

In conclusion, 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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