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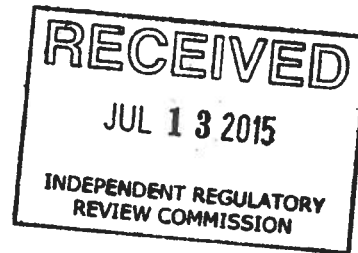
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I support the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Proposed Rulemaking Order 126-11, which would require all vehicles proposed for taxicab service after a designated date to be wheelchair accessible.

I work in center city Philadelphia and I believe all clients, colleagues or guests who visit my office should have equal access to all forms of transportation in Philadelphia.

I reject the argument that the extra cost should be an excuse for disparate treatment. As more cabs become accessible, the cost for their accessibility features will drop in price. When amortized over the life of the cab, whatever extra cost becomes cents per day. That is a reasonable price to pay for a cab fleet that serves everyone.

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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