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Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson:

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for you and your fellow committee members for final review and consider **SB759** be submitted to the full Senate for their consideration and passage.

As both the Honorable Senator Erickson and Boscola are members of your committee, (initial sponsor and cosponsor) they have fully embraced our need for this Bill. Passage of **SB759** would allow the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) to remain as the sole regulating agency for our industry in the Commonwealth. Under the present dual regulating environment of the PUC and the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA), the PPA has imposed onerous, aggressive, expensive regulations upon the industry forcing a number of companies to close their doors or blend with larger operators. During the past three years, the Philadelphia Regional Limousine Association (PRLA) Executive Board has attempted to work with the PPA to provide some form of relief with minimal results. Our initiation of dialogue with the PPA did not come to fruition until the PRLA efforts were recognized with HB2545 (which would have provided this relief) was successfully voted upon in both chambers but vetoed by the Governor Edward Rendell.

The time is now to prevent further degradation to our industry under the heavy handiness of the PPA. We must allow the PA PUC to remain the sole agency to formulate industry regulations. With the passage of SB759, the PPA would remain intact to assist with enforcement of any PUC regulations now or in the future. They would also maintain the privilege to issue authority for operators who want to solely operate within the city limits. This Bill would also provide the safeguard to the residents of the Commonwealth by requiring those operators to register first with the PUC before conducting business outside the city limits, something the current legislation has no safeguard to prevent.

Thank you for your insight and valued leadership to support Sb759. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time.

Respectfully,  
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