

Charles,

I'd like to thank the PPA for taking steps toward proving accessible taxicabs in the City of Philadelphia. This subject has been discussed in many ways and forums for several years and I'm happy to see and supportive of these efforts moving forward. That said, I do question the method by which PPA is proposing to designate the first 300 medallions.

As I read the draft regulation it appears that all 1600 medallion numbers will be subject to random selection, and upon selection, that medallion owner will have 90 days to convert to an accessible taxicab. I'm assuming if that medallion is not on an accessible taxicab, the current cab can no longer be used. Has PPA solicited volunteers for medallion conversion?

My concern is rooted in the fact that, while all 1600 medallion taxicabs within the City are authorized by code to operate at Philadelphia International Airport, less than 1/2 of them are actually part of our "system". Should any or all of those 300 medallions selected not be able or are unwilling to convert within 90 days, and they are part of the Airport system, this could severely jeopardize our operation.

I'm sure you have thought this through, but I wanted to get my concerns over to you. Thank you.

Keith