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Matthew Daus  
Chairman/Commissioner  
NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission  
40 Rector Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Chairman Daus:

Since only a limited segment of New York City's taxi fleet is wheelchair accessible, many consumers tell me that finding one is like searching for a needle in a haystack and that the Taxi and Limousine Commission's (TLC) recent changes in decals on such vehicles has only made that search more difficult.

While we all hope that central dispatch will prove to be a success, we can agree that as the number of accessible taxicabs continues to multiply, people with disabilities will continue to attempt to hail them on our city streets. It is therefore incumbent that these vehicles be appropriately marked and easily identifiable.

Many of those with mobility impairments have reported to me that by the time they recognize a vehicle is accessible it has already passed them by. I have heard various ideas for improved markings from a variety of stakeholders and believe that it would be productive to open a constructive dialogue between policy-makers at the TLC and members of the disability community. I am therefore requesting that the TLC hold a series of meetings with stakeholders to discuss how to improve the markings on accessible taxis so they are more easily recognizable.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

Micah Z. Kellner  
Assembly Member

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