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LIU STATEMENT ON CITY HALL’S TAXI FLIP-FLOP

NEW YORK, N.Y. – City Comptroller John C. Liu said the following about Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky’s flip-flop on wheelchair-accessible cabs:

“City Hall spent months resisting our calls to make the entire taxi fleet wheelchair accessible and insisting that the flawed, non-wheelchair accessible Taxi of Tomorrow was the only choice for the fleet. Now, after we rejected the Taxi of Tomorrow contract, City Hall has apparently changed its mind. Hooray! If another hearing is what it takes to get the Bloomberg Administration to do the right thing for New Yorkers, let’s go.”

Background:

In December 2012, Comptroller Liu rejected the contract for the flawed, non-wheelchair accessible Taxi of Tomorrow: http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2012_releases/pr12-12-134.shtm

In May 2012, Comptroller Liu requested that Mayor Bloomberg and the TLC amend the proposed Taxi of Tomorrow design to require it be wheelchair accessible before sending any agreement for registration. Comptroller Liu’s May 2, 2012 letter to the Mayor is here: http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/press/2012_releases/pr12-05-047.shtm

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