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From: Andrew Nosal <andy@mapcenter.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Wednesday, 4/7 Hearing on Budget Article 1, Section 18 (Extension of Bonds)

Dear House Finance Committee Members

My name is Andrew Nosal. I'm from Providence. I often use RIPTA to go to work, medical appointments and visiting around town.

I'm very concerned about the loss of a central bus hub where I can make timely transfers and connections to get where I'm going. Breaking up transfer locations means that it will take me even longer than it already does to get where I'm going by bus.

I'm especially upset that RIDOT will use the 2014 Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Bond funds to dismantle and deconstruct the central bus hub in Kennedy Plaza. This was not what voters like me intended when I voted in favor of that bond.

This "multi-hub" plan was devised with zero knowledge of effective transit planning, in open contempt of the riding public. This is proven by the fact that the goal of having fewer people waiting for buses in Kennedy Plaza could be achieved ways that would actually be parts of a plan that speeds up and improves bus service for everyone!

Please amend Article 1, Section 18 by inserting the following two sentences beginning on line 6 of as follows:

"Per the 2014 Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Bond ballot question, funds may only be utilized to fund enhancements and renovations to transit hub infrastructures. No bond funds may be utilized to dismantle or otherwise deconstruct the state's primary transit hub in Kennedy Plaza."

Thank you,

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