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**From:** Katherine Preston <kpreston1823@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 5:34 PM  
**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 Katherine Preston and I live on the east side of Providence.

I'm very concerned about the loss of a central bus hub that allows Rhode Islanders to make timely transfers and connections. Breaking up transfer locations means travel by bus will unnecessarily take even longer than it already takes.

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 and tax payers like me intended when we voted in favor of that bond. Further, this plan has not been approved or vetted by the transit-riding public that it will impact.

I am requesting the amendment of 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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