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From: Susan Marcus <marcus.susan@gmail.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 Susan Marcus, I'm from South Kingstown and I use RIPTA as my primary way of getting to downtown Providence and the airport (when I can travel).

The 2014 Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure Bond funds were intended to improve public transit across the state NOT to dismantle and deconstruct the central bus hub in Kennedy Plaza. Voters like me who don't live in Providence are particularly concerned that the reasons we voted in favor of that bond will be highjacked if RIDOT is allowed to use the bond funds to dismantle Kennedy Plaza.

Therefore, I urge you to 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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