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**From:** Catherine <cate.van.amburgh@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Written Testimony - Amend Article 1, Section 18

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Catherine, I'm from Fox Point, and I use RIPTA as my primary way of getting to the grocery store, beaches in RI and all around town for appointments and errands.

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. Breaking up KP would be a detriment to me, and I'm an able-bodied young adult - think about how much more serious the consequences would be for someone who is differently abled.

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.

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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