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From: Melinda Mailhot <mailhotmelinda@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 Melinda Mailhot, I'm from Providence and although I do not use RIPTA on a regular basis I have used the bus to go to and from the airport and Newport.

I'm very concerned about the loss of a central bus hub where bus users can make timely transfers and connections to get where they're going. Breaking up transfer locations means that it will take even longer than it already does to get where folks are going by bus. Providence is a compact city and to my mind does not need more than one bus hub.

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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