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**From:** Miller, Tracy <tracy\_miller@alumni.brown.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Rebecca Kislak  
**Subject:** Wednesday, 4/7 Hearing on Budget Article 1, Section 18 (Extension of Bonds)

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Tracy Miller and I live in Providence. I use RIPTA to get to work at Brown University, and to travel to TF Green and Newport.

While I have my own car as a back-up, I'm very concerned about the impact the loss of a central bus hub will have on my neighbors who are elderly, differently-abled, traveling with children, or ANYONE in inclement weather. I've walked among the three proposed multi-hubs and it IS NOT AN IMPROVEMENT. I also attended a presentation by the firm redesigning Kennedy Plaza and it was primarily focused on the new amenities for people who do not depend on Kennedy Plaza to get to work, school or the doctor. Let's build this beautiful project by enhancing our existing transit hub at KP, not by getting rid of it. There are also racial- and climate-justice components to this issue that I am happy to discuss (my contact info is below). 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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