

## **Testimony in support of H5105: Fre RIPTA Commuter Rail Passes**

Peter Trafton, Providence Rhode Island, April 1, 2025

Dear Chair Solomon and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations, I write in support of House Bill 5105 by Representative Lombardi and colleagues.

This bill supports collaborative efforts by RIPTA and the MBTA to use MBTA commuter rail passes on RIPTA buses and develop a system for fairly sharing the payment processes.

It is very important that we develop increased use of public transit in Rhode Island. These dual passes would encourage Rhode Islanders to use public transit for trips that would be shared with MBTA commuter rail trains within Rhode Island, and encourage them to use both forms of transit whenever they visit Massachusetts. Thanks to rep Lombardi for proposing this bill.

The convenience of well-functioning public transportation will hopefully compete with excessive automobile use and promote travel by bus and rail.

Please pass H5105 and move it on to the full house.

Thanks for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Peter" being more legible than the last name "Trafton".

Peter Trafton