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Chairman Solomon and members of the House Corporations Committee:

I write to you today in **SUPPORT** of HB #5105.

This bill will enable RIPTA to work with MBTA in hope of creating a dual pass. Rhode Island and Massachusetts are close neighbors and a dual pass will make it easier for more residents of both states to move back and forth between the states. Currently traveling to MA can be a big problem for older Rhode Islanders if they depend on public transportation and need to get to Boston, for instance. The "T" has been expanded into areas which now provide opportunities to interact with RIPTA for transportation. This dual pass would benefit not just older adults but also everyone wishing to travel into Massachusetts and avoid the cost of driving and parking.

I urge you to support and approve this helpful enabling legislation.

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