

H 7138 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC3778/1} to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.

To: Chairman Solomon and members of the House Corporations Committee,

I'm Dan Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of allowing RIPTA to work with MBTA to determine how to allow commuter rail passes to be dual passes for both services.

Many older adults rely on public transportation once driving becomes difficult. RIPTA is vital to people wanting to maintain a socially active lifestyle and to be able to get to medical services that they need. But when people need to go to Massachusetts, there is an unnecessary complication that arises, as they need to deal with another transportation service. H 7138 is a great step towards elimination that issue and making it much more convenient for seniors to access Specialty Medical care, Veteran's services and to visit family members who live a relatively short distance away.

And the benefit is not just for Rhode Island individuals. An integrated transit system would also make it much easier for MA residents to come to RI, to access services and enjoy the entertainment available in Rhode Island which could benefit our RI companies.

For all of these reasons, please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini.