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### **House Bill No. 7138 Entitled, An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers -- Rhode Island Public Transit Authority**

Chairman Solomon and Members of the House Corporations Committee,

I write to you today in strong support of House Bill No. 7138, which takes an important step toward improving transit access for older adults.

As driving becomes difficult or unsafe, many older adults rely on public transportation as a lifeline. Allowing MBTA commuter rail passes to be honored on RIPTA buses would reduce barriers for those traveling between Rhode Island and Massachusetts—especially for essential needs like medical care, Veterans' services, dialysis, and rehabilitation.

Integrated transit systems make it easier to attend appointments, reducing missed care and supporting better health outcomes.

Accessible transportation also helps older adults stay connected—to family, faith communities, volunteer work, and social activities—supporting independence and preventing isolation.

H7138 promotes dignity, mobility, and engagement for older adults. I respectfully urge you to support HB No. 7138. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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