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Chairman Solomon and members of the House Corporations Committee:

I write in support of HB #7138 which enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.

Older adults often travel across municipal or state lines for various reasons and are often there for specialty medical care, veteran's services, dialysis, rehab, surgery and follow-up care. Also, many older adults rely on public transportation once driving becomes difficult, expensive, or unsafe. HB #7138 takes a meaningful step toward seamless transit access by exploring whether MBTA commuter rail passes could be honored on RIPTA buses.

I urge your support and passage on HB #7138.

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