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From: Brian Gully <bjohnngully@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB7774 Support

Dear Chairman and Committee members,

My name is Brian Gully, I am a transplant to the city of Providence from New York, coming up on my third year, and I aim to establish permanent roots in this great city. I am, however, very concerned about RIPTA's financial crisis, because I am a daily user of RIPTA to commute from Hope to my job downtown. I believe that transit access between every neighborhood is essential for the health of the city of Providence and the greater Rhode Island area and it is for this reason I am sounding my support for HB7774.

I have rode RIPTA as primary transportation for the duration of time I have spent in Rhode Island and can personally attest to the skill, patience, and personability of nearly every driver I have encountered. I have seen these drivers act as forward paying pillars of the community, and I firmly believe that these current drivers and others who will join their ranks in the future deserve pay that is in line with their contribution.

As a young professional who hopes to build a life in Rhode Island, I urge you to support HB7774.

Thank you,
Brian Gully