

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of H5404, which would reallocate the sales tax already being paid by rideshare users to provide badly needed funding for RIPTA.

As a transit rider and supporter, I am relying on you to support this simple solution for increasing revenue for RIPTA by diverting sales tax from rides taken on Uber and Lyft, modes that are actively hurting public transit. Securing new and diverse funding streams that do not rely on the federal government or declining gas tax revenue will not only achieve financial stability, but allow for the expansion of service to meet the needs of a growing population that requires access to the affordable and sustainable travel option that public transit provides.

RIPTA is in trouble, and rideshare companies are not helping. I urge you to support H5404 and help get transit riders where they need to go.

Respectfully,

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