

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee members,

My name is Amber Ma, I live in Providence, and I am writing in support of Representative Morales' H5405. This act would allocate the current rideshare tax to fund RIPTA and ensure another sustainable funding stream in the future.

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.

I urge you to support H5405, to give public transit the funding it needs to expand service, attract new riders, and get working people where they need to go, affordably and safely.

Sincerely,
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