

Chairman Abney and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in support of H5405, the Rideshare Sales Tax Reallocation bill.

I have written you previously to say much of this, but it bears reiterating. Thanks to years of underfunding, potential transit riders, myself included, have been chased away to Transportation Network Companies — ride share providers. While these can fill a gap in service, in many cases they instead scavenge transit ridership. Directly allocating sales tax levied on ride shares to transit is an appropriate and indeed important step in providing affordable transportation solutions for everyone.

Please support H5405 to get RIPTA the funding it needs.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear