

Dear House Finance Committee

I'm writing to support the concept behind H5470 which would give the public the opportunity to approve a bond to fund the capital needs of the state's Transit Master Plan, most notably by purchasing enough buses to allow for more frequent service, It could also finally help electrify our MBTA rail service which would make it quicker, cleaner, quieter, and more reliable. While final language may still need to be worked out amongst stakeholders, I believe the bill should eventually advance and allow a public vote.

I thank the sponsors and the Committee for considering my views.

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