

Dear RI legislators,

I am writing in support of Representative Tanzis House bill H5470. RIPTA is part of our state's infrastructure, enabling commerce, affordable living, recreation, and reducing traffic and vehicle emissions. Funding for public transit should be INCREASING, even during years of budget shortfalls.

I ride the R line to fitness classes and to the Providence train station for my commute when the weather doesn't permit biking. Its 10-minute frequency makes the route an appealing alternative to parking downtown, and because it is part of my commute, I can use my employer-provided transit benefit card. My wife and I take the 1 to get downtown for shows, concerts, and restaurants, and she takes it to work when she doesn't want to drive. Because of our state's public transit, we only own one car, saving us thousands of dollars a year, and reducing congestion and parking demand.

Any reductions to RIPTA's Service will make the entire network less convenient, timely, and useful for RI residents. I urge you to support H5470.

Sincerely,

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