

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee members,

My name is Mike Eng, I live in Cranston, and I am writing in support of Representative Tanzis House bill H5470.

This bond for \$100 million would be great improvements and ensure we are working towards a more accessible, safer and reliable public transit system in Rhode Island. This bond would provide direct funding for a statewide transit system by providing improvement to: bus stops and shelters; safety and access to bus stops, including crosswalks, sidewalks and curb ramps; mobility hub and passenger facility infrastructure, including bathrooms, sheltered and secured bike racks and indoor waiting areas.

My wife and I share a single car, and I rode RIPTA daily to take my son to preschool. I still ride it weekly to take him to and from activities and get to appointments across the state. My wife will take RIPTA to work if I need to take the car for some reason. I bought my house partly because of its proximity to a major RIPTA route. I'm committed to combating climate change, and RIPTA is a big part of making sustainable transportation possible in the state.

I urge you to support H5470, to give public transit in Rhode Island the generational investment it needs to become a high-quality, 21st Century system that current and future residents and visitors can rely on.

Sincerely,
Mike Eng
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