

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 fully funding RIPTA's budget via House Bill 6020.

In the last year it has become possible to just assume whatever RIPTA service is scheduled will just show up and truly plan one's life around it, after prior issues caused inadequate staffing; Cutting the budget now will cause all the newly hired drivers to be let go, causing staffing issues well into the future, not to mention the direct impact of the routes that would be cut in the moment.

Please fully fund RIPTA in the new budget year, support H6020.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear