

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee members,

My name is Kathleen Cornely. I live in Providence and use RIPTA regularly. We have a number of adults in our household that exceeds the number of cars we have and we rely on RIPTA to get around the city if a car is not available to us.

I have lived in Providence for over 30 years and it continually annoys me that cars are given priority over alternative types of transportation, such as public transportation, cycling, and walking. It is bad for our health and the health of the environment.

It is essential that RIPTA be funded through FY2026 without any major budget shortfalls that would harm the service it provides for Rhode Islanders. With that in mind, I am writing in support of the following bills:

H6020/S342: \$32.6 Million Budget Allocation
H5405/S419: Rideshare Sales Tax Reallocation
H5304/S382: Commuter Transportation Benefits Act
H5470/S446: Transit Master Plan Bond Referenda
H5467/S46: Motor Fuel Tax – 30% Allocation to RIPTA
H5468/S47: Motor Fuel Tax – Two-year Inflation Rate
S92: Rideshare Surcharge

Please ensure that RIPTA continues to have the funding it needs to keep Rhode Island an accessible and competitive place to live.

Thank you,

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