

To the Committee,

Please pass legislation to give RIPTA what they need to maintain and improve service. I am a retired nurse case manager who served elders who saw no alternative to driving and maintaining a car, even when driving was a strain and the cost was a burden. Other people I spoke to were unable to go to locations like senior centers as often as they wanted to because the RIDE fare was too much on a fixed income. We need more service, not cuts.

We won't solve the problems of this decade by underfunding RIPTA, especially if the hope is to attract rich people to our state with tax cuts. They don't care. We live here and see what is happening to our neighbors and families.

Please make it a priority to offer decent transportation to all Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your consideration,

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