

As a native Rhode Islander who has never owned or driven a car I can say wholeheartedly that I truly rely on RIPTA for my daily transportation needs. If you all shamefully vote to no longer fund RIPTA fully, let alone expand its funding, the routes I take on a daily basis will be reduced or cut. This will limit my ability to hold a job, afford my apartment and just have plain access to the places everyone needs to go to have a dignified life. It's embarrassing that so many legislators waste advocates' time every year forcing us to beg you just to fund things as they currently have been funded. Poor and disabled people exist because of your policy decisions, the least you can do is let us take the bus where we need to go.

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