

Dear Chair Cortivriend and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to support H7127 and to encourage additional funding beyond that to ensure that RIPTA bus service cuts that were made last year get reversed. Since the bus cuts, I am regularly passed by full buses on my way home from work. Before the cuts, my commute was 35-45 minutes. Now it's an hour or longer.

As a transit advocate, I also have heard from passengers who have lost out on job opportunities or education due to the cuts. Restaurant workers have to walk on dark streets to get home as late buses were cut. Medical workers miss out on that first bus of the day. Those who work in retail can't get to their jobs with cut weekend service. People can't get out into the community.

The cuts are also harming our economy and ability to be competitive. Furthermore, we can't achieve our climate goals without good public transit. I ask the committee to support H7127, and to support further funding to reverse the cuts as well.

Sincerely,

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