

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Charlotte Coxmoore and I am a student at Classical High School. I am also a student advocate at Young Voices. I am writing in support of Bill H7127 funding the RIPTA budget and urging you to support the restoration of funding for RIPTA by undoing the service cuts.

This bill is important to me because I take the bus and from school everyday. The bus used to come to my stop on time but now it doesn't and sometimes it even skips my stop completely. When that happens I have to wait for up to 2 hours for the next one.

This bill should be passed because buses keep skipping stops because they are full, leaving people to wait for hour-long segments for the next bus. If this bill gets passed we will have more buses that pass more often which is good and will bring in more money because people will be more likely to use them now that they don't have to worry about them being full and the possibility of waiting hours for the next bus.

This bill is useful because some people can't afford cars and some places are too far to walk or bike to. Buses are cheap and easily accessible forms of transportation compared to things like Uber and Lyft.

I am in support of the full budgetary funding, including the \$13.8M in the Governor's FY2027 budget to close RIPTA budget deficit, and urge you to support Rep. Alzate's H8256 to increase funding by \$5 million to return RIPTA to September 2025 levels.

I am urging you to pass bill H7127. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Coxmoore