

RE: H 7127 - Governor's FY 2027, FY 2026 Revised and Capital Budgets
Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

To: Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee

I am Daniel Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of fully funding RIPTA as outlined in the Governor's budget proposal.

An effective public transit system is a necessary public service that supports people as they age. It allows them to maintain autonomy and access needed services, even when they cannot safely or easily drive.

Access to medical care and the ability to connect with other people are extremely important to the health of everyone but are vital for our older citizens. Being able to get to medical appointments and being able to connect with others reduces health risks and improves the wellbeing of our older adults. Reliable transportation is the key to this. In addition, public transit is usually much more affordable than owning a car. And for all of us it is a much safer option than driving.

Please support this important budget item.

Daniel Liparini