

Chairwoman Cortvriend and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in support of House Bill 7127.

As we watch gas prices escalate in real time, the need for public transportation has never been greater. Yet we persist in underfunding RIPTA, our best tool in the arsenal of transportation alternatives.

Thanks to service cuts it has gotten harder for myself and others to access the public transit service they need in a timely manner; people need to get to school, work and activities, and we should be providing them the means to do so without driving.

I beg you to support the funding for RIPTA in the Governor's budget proposal, H7127 and to advocate for the restoration of funding that resulted in devastating service cuts this fall.

Please support H7127.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear