

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Elizabeth Yalkut, I live in Providence, and 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. RIPTA is essential for my daily life -- commute, shopping at local businesses, spending time with friends who live beyond walking distance, medical appointments. Every dollar spent on RIPTA has a multiplier effect.

I urge you to support the funding for RIPTA in the Governor's Budget, H7127 and to advocate for the restoration of funding that resulted in devastating service cuts this fall. Fully funding RIPTA is an investment that will give many returns: working class Rhode Islanders access to reliable and affordable transportation, economic growth and access to jobs and services, reduction in carbon emissions and traffic on the road, and so many more. Please support this investment to get Rhode Island back on track to create a 21st century transit system that works for everyone.

I urge you to support H7127 and increased funding for RIPTA.

Sincerely,

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