

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Jaylin Vasquez. and I am a student at RINI. 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 my fellow peers are late to school because of the bus running late and in general more students are starting to become chronically absent because of the bus schedule.

This bill should be passed because it will help students get to school on time and get their education. It will also make public transportation safer and more efficient.

This bill will help students, families, and other individuals get to where they need to go without any big issues like a late bus which already makes people feel unsafe.

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 hear my testimony.

Sincerely,
Jaylin Vasquez