

Testimony in Support of H7127

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Honorable Members of the Committee

My name is Kisa Takesue, and I live in Cranston, Rhode Island. **I urge you to SUPPORT Bill H7127**, which would allocate \$13.8 million to the current RIPTA deficit.

When I bought my home, being on a main bus route was a deciding factor. I knew I could reliably get to work and around the city without needing a second car. Because of RIPTA, my family has been a one-car household—saving thousands in car costs while reducing our carbon footprint.

The January 2026 reduction in Route 21 service has already made travel to downtown Providence more difficult and less reliable. Cuts like these undermine the very accessibility that residents depend on when choosing where to live and work.

Investing in RIPTA benefits everyone—not just daily riders. Strong public transit reduces traffic congestion, improves air quality, and gives more Rhode Islanders real transportation choices. It makes our communities more accessible, more sustainable, and more economically vibrant.

Please commit to a connected and sustainable future for Rhode Island by passing **Bill H7127**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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