

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Malia Buwee and I am a student at Times 2 Academy. 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 many buses run late everyday now with some of them being up to 30 minutes late. The capacity of the buses is not very spacious with the schedule and lack of buses. If we had more buses and the bus was more reliable, it would be a lot more useful to the people who use it everyday.

This bill should be passed because it would be less chaotic, which would cause less fights and issues. People would also get to where they need to be on time

This bill is useful because it would help young adults and youth get to where they need to be on time. It will also increase job opportunities.

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 read my testimony.

Sincerely,
Malia Buwee