

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Maria Liriano and I am a student at Mount Pleasant. 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 I am a student who uses and needs the bus to go to school so that I can get my education. The budget cuts have made it a lot more difficult for me to get to school on time.

This bill should be passed because many students like myself need the bus to get to school. A lot of people also use the bus on a daily basis. We need more buses in general so that they aren't as full and so that we can go to more places.

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,  
Maria Liriano