

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

I am writing in support of Bill H7127. I urge you to support the restoration of funding for RIPTA.

I am a Providence resident, a driver, and a transit rider. Public transportation makes my life better no matter how I am getting around. I have taken the bus when my car was in the shop and when my car was buried under several feet of snow. I have taken the bus to get to appointments, to work, and to spend money at local businesses.

Every time I am driving behind a RIPTA bus, I am grateful that I am behind one bus instead of 20 cars each carrying one person.

Public transportation works best when it takes people where they want to go and when they want to go. It connects our communities and is a vital link to economic opportunity. Public transportation is a boon to the environment and reduces traffic congestion. Public transportation is a lifeline for those who cannot drive. Public transportation is a benefit to all of us.

I urge you to support H7127 and H8256. Investing in RIPTA is investing in Rhode Island's future.

Sincerely,

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