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TO: House Finance Subcommittee on Environment & Transportation, Rep. Terri Cortvriend,  
Chair  
SUBJECT: SUPPORT (H7127) - \$13.8million Budget Allocation for RIPTA deficit  
Via Email: [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Raymond Gagne, and I am writing in my capacity as the Director of the RI Organizing Project (RIOP). I am writing in support of Bill H7127 funding the RIPTA budget. I also support Rep Alzate's bill H8256 to return RIPTA to September 2025 service levels.

The Rhode Island Organizing Project (RIOP) has been working on transportation issues for the past ten years. RIOP works primarily with low-income elders and adults with disabilities who rely on RIPTA for their daily transportation needs. Last Fall's service cuts to RIPTA have made it more difficult for elders and adults with disabilities to get their medical appointments and access other critical services in a timely manner. The RIPTA service cuts have also made transportation more difficult for workers, students, and for vulnerable groups such as the homeless.

I ask for your support of H7127 and H8256. Fully funding RIPTA is an investment that will improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders. RIPTA promotes economic development, reduces traffic congestion, and helps people who cannot afford a car to meet their daily transportation needs.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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