

Dear Chair Cortvriend and Committee members,

My name is Vinh Pham, I live in Providence's eastside and I am here/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. I rely on RIPTA almost daily to get to and from campus to Walmart, work, and to the Met High School where I mentor students once a week. I also made my decision to come study in Rhode Island because the statewide bus system, one of the only states with such because of our unique size and density, gets me to places such as our beaches, state parks, and commercial districts where I would spend my money in local businesses and pay sales taxes. By cutting RIPTA, you have caused major economic impacts from not just individual bus riders but the the incentive of public transit. In Boston, transit oriented development creates more neighborhood growth and economic development which can help Rhode Island if we do it right and do it now.

I am supportive 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.

Sincerely

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