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Dear Chair Abney and Committee members,

My name is Bo-Yeon Jang. I am a homeowner in Providence writing in support of Bill H8317, Representative Alzate's \$5M allocation to reverse RIPTA's service cuts.

RIPTA is a lifeline for me and anyone living without a car, especially in Providence where parking spots are rare and traffic difficult. It has allowed me to access the whole of this state as well as simplifying my commute to work in bad weather. However, the service cuts have made RIPTA less reliable and less of an option for daily use. Ridership depends on reliability and frequency; cutting service only leads to larger swaths of people who would much prefer to use RIPTA being forced to rely on more expensive rideshare options.

This is why I urge you to support H8317. Without reversing RIPTA's devastating service cuts, RIPTA cannot meet the needs of a growing population that requires affordable and sustainable transportation.

Sincerely,

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