

Chair Corvese and Honorable Members of the Committee: I support the passage of H5304, the Commuter Transportation Benefits Act. One of the benefits I receive as an employee of Brown University is free access to RIPTA with my ID. This is invaluable -- it allowed me to explore Providence when I moved here, and fall in love with the city, and now I've bought a home here. Since I don't drive for medical reasons, without RIPTA, I wouldn't be able to get from that home to my office, and would not have been able to invest in homeownership. More people should be able to use RIPTA with ease, and the state's government should encourage it with legislation, which is why I support H5304, the Commuter Transportation Benefits Act. Thank you.

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