

Dear Chair Corvese and Committee members,

My name is Elizabeth Yalkut, I live in Providence, and I support Bill H7363. 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, nor would I be able to participate in community events, meet my friends, or shop at local stores beyond walking distance. Everyone should be able to use RIPTA with ease, and the state's government should encourage it with legislation.

I urge you to support H7363, to support workers and increase revenue for RIPTA, giving Rhode Island workers access to affordable transportation and growing the base of ridership for public transit.

Sincerely,  
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