

SAVE RIPTA

March 3, 2026

TO: Chair Shanley and the House State Government and Elections Committee
RE: Support H7499 & H7984 - Efficiency and Performance Audit of RIDOT

Dear Chair Shanley and Committee members,

I'm writing today in support of H7499 submitted by Rep. Stewart who represents me personally in Pawtucket, and H7984 by Rep. Tanzi, both of whom are champions for public transportation in Rhode Island.

The Save RIPTA coalition supports this common sense measure to bring accountability and transparency to an agency that receives hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars while having little financial accountability. Last year, RIPTA - an agency with a budget a fraction of the size of RIDOT's - underwent yet another efficiency study as a condition of receiving additional funding by the general assembly. It only makes sense that while hundreds of millions are directed annually to DOT, which continues to fail at its duty to build and maintain a transportation system that works for everyone, a study of the agency's efficiency be undertaken.

We strongly support both bills as they seek similar outcomes, and encourage you to work with the sponsors to combine these efforts into a single piece of legislation, and bring it to the house floor for passage.

Thank you for your consideration.



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TO: Chair Bissaillon and the Senate Housing & Municipal Government Committee
RE: Support S2124 - Efficiency and Performance Audit of RIDOT

Dear Chair Bissaillon and Committee members,

I'm writing today in support of S2124 submitted by Sen. Zurier, a climate champion and an ally to public transit riders across Rhode Island.

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