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Dear Senate Finance Committee:

As a Providence and Rhode Island resident, I am writing you to urge the General Assembly to close the RIPTA funding gap by reappropriating money from RIDOT. RIDOT has been cited by at least one authority for having high costs and low quality. 1% of their budget can close the RIPTA funding gap. This will help to promote robust public transportation options for those who cannot or do not wish to afford cars. Moving people out of cars creates a healthier Rhode Island in several ways as mass transit creates less air pollution and streets get less congested. Even the walking that people do to get to mass transit has knock-on health benefits for our populace.

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