

Testimony in support of S2680: RIPTA

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To Chair DiPalma and the honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I support the bill, because it will shut down spending related to moving the Kennedy Plaza hub to a different location. This is necessary for all the good reasons presented in SECTION 1 of the bill.

It is outrageous, that in a year where RIPTA, again, is underfunded and has to cut service, anyone would spend money for activities related to a new transit center, in particular where all plans that so far have been presented were increasing transit and commute time for the riders, and were making public transportation more unattractive.

This nonsense is going on for several years now, and the bill has not been brought to a vote in 2025.

Please protect the tax payers from unnecessary expenses and bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Senator Bell for introducing this important bill.



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