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**To:** Senate Finance  
**Cc:** Sen. LaMountain, Matthew L.; Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.  
**Subject:** SUPPORT (S2813) - Transit Master Plan Bond Referenda

Dear Chair DiPalma and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is William Masse, I live in Warwick, Rhode Island, and I am writing in support of Senator Vargas' Transit Master Plan Bond Bill S2813.

I rely on RIPTA to get to work most days, using Route 4, and the recent service cuts have made my commute much more difficult. Buses run less frequently now, which means longer waits and less flexibility in my schedule. On top of that my bus often gets stuck in traffic, specifically at the location of Allens Ave to the 95 on ramp; making travel times unpredictable and sometimes significantly longer than driving. These challenges make it harder to rely on transit, even though it is my primary way of getting to work.

This bond for \$100 million in capital funding for RIPTA would finally make progress toward implementing the state's Transit Master Plan and help build a more convenient, accessible, safe, and reliable public transit system in Rhode Island.

As it stands today, many RIPTA trips are not competitive with driving because buses are delayed by traffic and frequent stops. Investments in high-capacity transit infrastructure, like rapid bus routes identified in the Transit Master Plan, would make a meaningful difference in travel times and reliability for riders like me. Faster and more reliable service would make it easier for people to choose transit, reduce congestion, and support Rhode Island's Act on Climate goals.

This bond would also fund important improvements for current riders, including better bus stops and shelters, safer pedestrian access, and improved facilities at transit hubs. Waiting longer for a bus due to reduced service is especially difficult when stops lack adequate shelter or safe access, and these investments would directly improve the daily experience of riders.

At a time of rising fuel costs and growing demand for sustainable transportation, Rhode Island needs to invest in a transit system that people can depend on.

I urge you to support S2813 to provide the generational investment needed to make RIPTA a modern, reliable, and accessible public transportation system for all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,  
William Masse  
Warwick, Rhode Island