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Dear Chair DiPalma and Committee members,

My name is Eric Harrison, I live in Lincoln, and I am writing in support of Bill S2825, Sen. McKenney's \$5M allocation to reverse RIPTA's service cuts.

I ride RIPTA as much as possible, but thanks to the terrible cuts from last year, that is much less often than before. The 71 & 75 are my local routes and I used to ride most often on the weekends to get to Lincoln Mall or to Pawtucket for connections elsewhere. The 75 has lost all weekend service, so now I am forced to walk farther to the 71 or 72 if I want to ride the bus. Additionally, I just can't get to Lincoln Mall at all on the bus on the weekend unless I want to ride all the way into Providence to transfer to the 54 to go back to Lincoln. This is a trip that takes me 9 minutes by car, but if the 75 ran later and more frequently, I would use it every time I went there. I represent riders who are lucky enough to have a choice, and since the cuts have gone through I am forced to make the choice to drive. Thousands of others aren't so lucky, and can't drive. They have lost access to jobs, family, worship, community, recreation, and more.

Please support S2825. Without reversing RIPTA's devastating service cuts, RIPTA cannot meet the needs of a growing population that requires affordable and sustainable transportation, and RIPTA cannot grow to meet our climate, social justice, and economic goals.

Sincerely,

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