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To Chair DiPalma and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I encourage you to support (S2825) - \$5 million Budget Allocation for RIPTA. I don't need to tell you that RIPTA is a critical part of transportation infrastructure for the state, and the recent cuts have been crippling for many.

Personally, I share a single car with my wife, and she mostly drives it. I opt for environmentally sustainable transportation whenever I can - often by bicycle and public transit. Part of my choice in where to buy a home was the proximity to major bus lines. When traveling with my six-year-old son, RIPTA is the only safe way for us to get to many places - we relied on it to get him to and from his daycare and pre-K when he was younger. We still rely on it to get him to and from summer camps and activities. He has been riding the bus with me since he was 1 year old, and he still loves it. With reduced schedules and less reliable service, the activities we can do are reduced.

Please support (S2825). Thank you!

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