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To: Senate Finance
Cc: Sen. LaMountain, Matthew L.; Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.
Subject: SUPPORT (S2825) - \$5 million Budget Allocation for RIPTA

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 Bill S2825, Sen. McKenney's \$5 million allocation to reverse RIPTA's service cuts.

I rely on RIPTA to get to work most days, using Route 4. Since the service cuts, buses run much less frequently, which has made my commute significantly more difficult and unpredictable. I often have to build extra time into my commute just in case a bus is late or I miss one, and when service is infrequent, a small delay can mean being late to work. Public transportation is supposed to provide reliability, but right now it feels like I'm constantly adjusting my schedule around reduced service rather than being able to depend on it.

These service cuts have made it harder not just for me, but for many riders who depend on RIPTA every day. When service is less frequent, it limits access to jobs, healthcare, and daily needs. It also pushes people toward more expensive alternatives or forces them to rely on cars, which increases congestion and costs. At a time when fuel costs are rising and Rhode Island has committed to the Act on Climate, we should be investing in a fast, frequent, and reliable transit system—not cutting it back.

Public transit is essential to Rhode Island's economy, climate goals, and quality of life. Without restoring service, RIPTA cannot meet the needs of current riders or grow to support a more sustainable and accessible future.

That's why I strongly urge you to support S2825 and restore the funding needed to reverse these harmful service cuts.

Sincerely,
William Masse
Warwick, Rhode Island