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Dear Chair DiPalma and Committee members,

My name is Cherilyn Kadish and I am a resident of Providence, RI. I am writing today in support of:

- Bill S2825
- Bill S2095
- Bill S3084
- Bill S2813
- Bill S3013

RIPTA is an essential service for our community, especially for those with disabilities and those experiencing economic insecurity. As a person living with chronic pain, having access to public transit allows me to get to work even on days when my hands hurt too much to grip the steering wheel. As someone who feels strongly that we need to do everything we can to slow climate change, it's also essential that we provide convenient, reliable transit options to make public transit more accessible and appealing to reduce the number of individual cars on the road. However, the recent financial cuts and corresponding reductions in service have had a detrimental effect on both. RIPTA is not able to afford more frequent bus runs, which means my personal commute options are significantly less convenient (for example, I now have to arrive at work either one hour early or one hour late rather than right on time due to the changes in the 55 schedule). If my own commuting options are less convenient, I know for sure the same is true for others. This creates an inequity for those of us who were already relying on the bus, and it further discourages people from opting into public transit rather than driving a personal vehicle.

This is why I am asking you to please support S2825, S2095, S3084, S2813, and S3013. We not only need to reverse the cuts to RIPTA's budget in order to ensure we are providing accessible options to Rhode Island residents who already rely on public transit, but we also need to *increase* funding to create attractive options to residents who need to be encouraged to opt into public transit for the sake of our planet. Increasing RIPTA's share of the Highway Maintenance Account, reallocating rideshare sales taxes, passing Senator Vargas' Transit Master Plan bond bill, and increasing car inspection fees will do just that.

Thank you,  
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