

**Testimony on Senate Bills 2825, 2095, 3084, 2813, 2668, & 3013**  
**Acts Relating to Public Transit in the State of Rhode Island**

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Chairman DiPalma and members of the Senate Committee on Finance:

I am writing to formally express my full support for the suite of transit-related legislation currently under consideration. Public transportation is a cornerstone of Rhode Island's infrastructure, and its health is directly tied to the economic and personal independence of our residents.

I urge the committee to provide a favorable recommendation for the following measures:

- SB 2825: Support for the \$5M allocation to reverse damaging service cuts.
- SB 2095 & SB 3084: Vital revenue stability via the Highway Maintenance Account and rideshare tax.
- SB 2813: Investing in the Transit Master Plan Bond for a modern future.
- SB 3013 & SB 2668: Pragmatic steps to index fuel taxes and adjust fees to match inflation.

Access to reliable transportation is a necessity for healthcare, employment, and community life. These bills represent a necessary investment in the mobility of every Rhode Islander.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to strengthening our state's transit network.

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