

Testimony in support of H5105: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

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To Chair Solomon and the Members of the House Corporations Committee,

My name is Rhys Johnstone and I am a resident of Westerly, RI 02891. I am writing to express my **strong support of H-5105**.

In order for RIPTA and MBTA ridership to grow and flourish, Rhode Island needs to ensure that using these two transit systems easy for commuters. This bill enables RIPTA to work with the MBTA to allow commuter rail passes to be used for both RIPTA and the MBTA. This would make traveling and commuting much simpler and reduce confusion for riders. Reducing confusion and streamlining the payment process will help increase ridership and improve revenue for RIPTA.

I hope the House Corporations Committee will advance H-5105.

Thank you for your consideration.

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