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Amy R. Paulin
Chair, Committee for Corporations, Authorities & Commissions
New York State Assembly
LOB 422
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblywoman Paulin,

On behalf of Reconnect Rochester, I am writing to **urge your Committee to pass A07822 so it can be voted on by the entire Assembly before the end of this year's session.** The bill's State Senate companion, S3959A, passed a floor vote on May 24th and now awaits the Assembly to follow suit. This important legislation would add two seats with voting powers to the boards of transit authorities across Upstate's four largest metropolitan areas, including Rochester.

Reconnect Rochester is a non-profit that champions public transportation and policies that promote physical connectivity and equitable mobility options in the Rochester region. We partner with Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority (RGRTA) on many initiatives to support its provision of safe, reliable, and convenient public transportation that connects people to jobs, education, healthcare, shopping and recreational activities.

We believe having rider visibility and voice around the decision-making table are essential. The addition of the expertise and experience of those who ride every day will lead to more informed decisions, more effective service improvements and a better system for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Renée Stetzer", with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

Renée Stetzer
President
Reconnect Rochester