

To: House Committee on Education
From: Anna Huynh
Date: 03/21/17
Re: Support for House Bill 2693

Chair Doherty and committee members,

My name is Anna Huynh and I am a sophomore at Franklin High school. I respectfully urge your support for House Bill 2693 because students need Youth pass.

I have youth pass at my school and it's very helpful. My parents are working most of the time so I can't always get a ride to extra curricular activities and volunteering. Youth pass will help high school-aged youth get to and from school and meet their needs. School districts can apply for grant funding to subsidize youth transit passes. Many students miss out on meaningful experiences like helping the community and missing out on sports or extracurricular activities that make high school something to remember. Without youth pass students are unable to get jobs, struggle to get to health services and be late or absent for school. If students use transportation it will help their independence and teach them social skills.

Personally, youth pass has made a positive affect on my life. I had to ride the bus for the first time when I was a freshmen and it opened my eyes to the world. I was always scared of the bus being out and walking alone. When I took the bus that day I saw many things that can be changed and that was when I wanted to make a difference. Thanks to youth pass I have experienced many wonderful things and I'm able to volunteer and help my parents.

Thank you,
Anna Huynh