

To: House Committee on Education

From: Yvette Dumer, Youth Environmental Justice Alliance

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Re: Support for House Bill 2693

I am Yvette Dumer, I am a junior at Franklin High School. I respectfully urge you to support for House Bill 2693. Having Youth pass has made a lot of things easier on my family and me. I am able to stay after school and get help from my teachers or go to Step Up which is a program that helps youth with their work and make sure they are successful throughout high school. I can do this and not worry if my parents are going to be off in time to pick me up or if I have enough money to get on the bus. I am an intern at YEJA and Youth pass gives the opportunity to meet new students while learning about ways to help my community. I can go out on the weekends and hang out with my friends or go to the library and study for school. YEJA has different students from different schools and I hear how they struggle to pay for the bus and have to scavenge for change. This Bill would have a great impact on the people in my community.

Thank You