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Lowell Regional Transit Authority

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Transportation Fringe Benefit

Qualified transportation fringe benefits (Section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code) or "Commuter Tax Benefits" are like money in the bank. Employers save on payroll related taxes. Employees save on federal income taxes - up to 30% pre-tax savings on the transit passes purchased through your employers.

Tax Free Benefits for Commuters Increase - 2012

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