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Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair
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Dear Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and Members of the Finance Committee,

I write to you today about collective bargaining for graduate students. While classified as students, we perform and assist with many of the core goals of a university: education and research. While vital to the university, we are put in a vulnerable position, by law. The frequent issues that students encounter with supervisors and employers can only face the brick wall of the university administration which has no incentive to improve the situation. This causes a lot of stress and is to the detriment of the quality of the education system. By allowing students to collectively bargain we gain a tool to ensure a safe and effective work environment for all.

Sincerely,

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