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Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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

My name is Stanley Maxson and I am a Ph.D. candidate in U.S. History at the University of Maryland, College Park. I am writing today because I believe that the contingencies of graduate work make collective bargaining a necessity. I am in my fifth year at the University of Maryland. Throughout my time as a graduate student, I have seen issues persist unchanged from the generation of graduate students before me and I am sad to watch them continue for new graduate students. Among these issues are inadequate pay, unequal pay for equal work, food insecurity, housing insecurity, and inadequate mental health services. These issues put a strain on individual graduate students, the departments they call home, and the university as a whole. Without the power of collective bargaining, graduate students have been unable to adequately represent ourselves to departments, the university, and legislators and advocate for the health of our university system.

Sincerely,

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