

**Written Testimony Submitted to the
Maryland Senate Finance Committee
By Wichayaporn Wongkamjan, Research Assistant
SB 247**

**State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - Faculty, Part-Time Faculty,
and Graduate Assistants
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FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Finance Committee,

I have a student loan that I need to pay back at least \$200 a month, and the rent and expenses total are almost 1500\$ a month. I spend almost all of my monthly payments on the rent for a private bed and bathroom. All researchers deserve a good quality of living, and now I have to exchange the monthly payment for the rent without having much savings. This is not sensible, and we are not valued right.

Sincerely,
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