Delores G. Kelley, Chair Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401 SB 521 Supporting

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

Graduate students only earn unlivable wages from the university. Spendings should only be done after careful and meticulous calculations. As far as I'm concerned, my salary can only afford local bottom-tier appartments, which will take half of my income. I don't have any other choice of living because I can not afford it.

Sincerely,

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