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,

I am a graduate student and research assistant in the School of Public Policy at UMD. I would like to urge you to support SB 521. Graduate student assistants often put in far more than the 20 hours per week we are compensated for, contributing to the advancement of research, education of students, and well-being of society. We deserve the right to collectively bargain, to be treated as employees, and to be able to air grievances to the Higher Education Relations Board.

Sincerely,

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