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 lived on an assistantship from the UW system in Wisconsin before starting at UMD. Although the cost of living is dramatically higher in Maryland, my assistantship stipend is about the same. The right to bargain will give grad students a much better shot at earning a living wage!

Sincerely,

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