

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

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

Graduate assistants are not paid a living wage. Most of us are working over 40 hours a week if you combine the time we are in our own classes, teaching/working, meeting with students, grading, and studying/researching. Most of my peers spend a majority of their stipend on rent with little additional leftover for other living costs. This is unfair and dangerous considering the baseline stresses associated with graduate school. We should be able to feel comfortable and safe. Unionizing will allow us to lobby for increased wages.

Sincerely,

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