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,

As a supervisor of graduate teaching assistants and as an advisor to graduate students, I strongly believe that graduate students should have the right to collectively bargain. They deserve the same rights as other university workers, as they are providing labor essential to the university's operations.

Sincerely,

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