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 have been a Graduate Assistant for 2 years. I have greatly enjoyed my experience as a GA and have been thankful for the boss I have had in my position for being empathetic and meeting the expectations of our work agreements. However, I know that not all GAs are as lucky as I have been and that the graduate student worker position on campus can be fraught with power inequities. I am here to speak up and speak out against UMD's exploitation of student workers. I am here to speak up for our rights as graduate student workers.

Sincerely,

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