

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

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Supporting

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

I support this collective bargaining rights because the cost of living continues to go up in the DMV area. This is not seen to be reflected in our teaching assistantships/graduate funding package in terms of what our stipend is. Also when you think about BIPOC having to be overworked because they look towards other means of income it is not right and could ultimately affect their academic success in graduate school because they have financial stressors that they're white colleagues may not have.

Sincerely,

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