Delores G. Kelley, Chair Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401 SB 118 Supporting

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

I believe the graduate assistants' salaries in University of Maryland system deserve a raise considering the hard work and high living expenses around DC. Also, although PhD students like me get a stipend for the tuition and living expenses, we still end up paying international student fee, mandatory fee and part of insurance every semester, which is an extra \$1000 bill.

Sincerely,

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