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,

Collective bargaining is an important right for workers, it allows them to negotiate contracts that protect them and are in the best interests of all. Currently, UMD grad students have the second lowest stipend of any of the flagship state universities in the country (the lowest is University of Nebraska, where the cost of living is much lower than College Park). Collective bargaining would allow grad students to present a unified front and hopefully create better outcomes for students.

Sincerely,

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