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,

Although thousands of Graduate Assistants at the University of Maryland teach courses, conduct research, and administer campus programs, the State of Maryland determines they are simply "temp workers", not employees, thereby denying them basic employment rights.

Support SB118, a state senate bill and grant graduate assistants bargaining rights across the Maryland university system.

As an Alumni, I'm disgusted with the labor practices supported by University of Maryland, a public institution. Collective bargaining has been a legal right for nearly 90 years. It is past time that the University of Maryland recognize these workers.

Sincerely,

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