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,

Graduate student workers are essential workers. Their work produce a lot of value for the state university system and for the state overall and should be recognized for the work they do. They do a significant amount of the teaching and research. Providing collective bargaining rights for graduate students will help insure that this important work force is fairly compensated and protected so they can continue to make their contributions to our community.

Sincerely,

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