

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

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

The University of Maryland system *could not* function without the labor of graduate assistants who make very little money. My graduate assistant stipend barely pays for my rent, much less my groceries. Because our employment is often tied to our financial aid packages, we do not have the option to leave our positions when we are not compensated appropriately or are treated unfairly. We deserve greater recourse for advocating for ourselves through collective bargaining rights.

Sincerely,

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