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

UMD has one of the lowest paying grad schools located in a college town with a very high cost of living. With the current RA salary from my department, a grad student can only afford sub-standard housing with living conditions detrimental to their physical and mental health. Thus, I believe the right to collective bargaining is crucial for grad students to lead a healthy lifestyle which could positively affect their productivity.

Sincerely,

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