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Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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

I am a graduate assistant at UMD College Park and also an international student. Since I am not able to legally work off campus, it is very difficult for me to live only with the stipend I receive, especially since I do not get any funding during the summer. Also, my department does not offer undergraduate classes, so all our GAs work administrative jobs, that do not have to do with our field and will not help us be competitive in the job market upon graduation. Having bargaining rights would mean that we could possibly negotiate higher stipends and assignments that are relevant to our careers.

Sincerely,

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