

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

As a graduate student, I had to struggle a lot on making a living solely based on the stipend that I receive from the TAsip. Before the pandemic, I used to live in a shared house but due to the risk of COVID infection and some roommates who have vaccine hesitancy, I chose to live by myself in a studio and this also increased a lot of economic burden. All the stipend I receive (approximately \$1600) goes for the rent for my studio. Many of my dear graduate students friends are also suffering the same situation and hardship.

Sincerely,

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