

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

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Supporting

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

I am in support of graduate assistants at the University of a maryland having collective bargaining rights since I am a single mother to two young boys. Going back to school for my masters in architecture meant that I had to quit my full time job to pursue my dreams. And while I understood the financial risk, I also decided to go to the university of Maryland due to the financial aid that was offered. The GA pay is in no way comparable to my previous salary or benefits so I just take out student loans to support my family.

Sincerely,

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