

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

SB 118
Supporting

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

I am writing this letter to urge you to support SB118.

As a first year student and graduate assistant, I support this bill because collective bargaining will begin to address the egregious gap between our stipends and the cost of living within the DC metro area. As a middle school educator, I am apt at making a budget stretch, but our current employment system is not sustainable. I chose the University of Maryland to begin to envision a world for my students, but I cannot focus on my studies if I have to focus on surviving in this area.

Maryland would join some of the top-ranking universities who have established the right of collective bargaining for student workers. I call upon your sense of justice and equity to support SB 118.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Allen
PhD Student, Applied Linguistics and Language Education,
Graduate Assistant
2311 Benjamin Building
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742
Lindsey.allen.m@gmail.com