

Delores G. Kelley, Chair
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,

University of Maryland school systems have been underpaying graduate students and staff. Given the high cost of living in Maryland, it's important that our wage keeps up with inflation. Collective bargaining rights allows us to accomplish this. Covid-19 has caused a rapid increase in housing, groceries, and other everyday expenses; as such, it's becoming increasingly hard to support myself as a graduate student without seeking another source of supplementary income. Please consider allowing collective bargaining rights.

Sincerely,

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