

**Written Testimony Submitted to the
Maryland House Appropriations Committee
By Katherine Wasdin, Associate Professor
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Good afternoon Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the House Appropriations Committee,

My name is Katherine Wasdin and I am an associate professor of Classics at the University of Maryland, College Park, where I have worked for 5 and a half years. I call on this committee to issue a favorable report to the Bill. The state already grants the right of collective bargaining towards nearly every other state employee, as well as the faculty at our community colleges and the non-academic workforce at our four-year institutions. It is clear that this right should be extended to all higher ed workers in Maryland, allowing us to improve working conditions for faculty, to expand shared governance, and to preserve academic freedom.

Sincerely,

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