

**Written Testimony Submitted to the
Maryland Senate Finance Committee
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Good afternoon Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee.

There have been so many moments over my academic career (13 years) where a union would have offered welcomed protections for myself and for my colleagues. From labor without pay, to long-established faculty governance processes being avoided or outright ignored, to new (and often time-consuming, cumbersome, ill-planned) changes to workload and, finally, to selective application of administrative "policies"... There have been more moments than I can count where, if we would have had union protections, our needs as faculty would have been protected, allowing us to focus on what should be the real focus of our efforts--teaching our students and preparing them for the world beyond.

Sincerely,

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