

# University of Maryland, College Park, supports UC striking graduate workers

We the undersigned at University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), **stand in support of the demands of UC graduate workers** and their fight for livable wages. The fight for livable wages is one that resonates with the experiences of the many undergraduate employees, graduate assistants, junior faculty, adjunct professors, and university staff who live and work in College Park, MD. Despite our revenue-generating administrative, instructional, and research labor, we are not considered workers. Our wages barely, if at all, keep up with the ever-increasing costs associated with living in such a rapidly gentrifying area. UMCP administrators have repeatedly denied the existence of such a wage-to-cost-of-living discrepancy, or chosen to frame it as an isolated issue. We demand to be recognized as workers who deserve a livable wage, and that **the UMCP administration ceases to oppose the bill that allows for collective bargaining rights for graduate assistants within the University System of Maryland (HB0214/SB0658).**

**Furthermore, we condemn the intervention of police forces to arrest and intimidate protesters** and demand that **no graduate students in UCSC face (further) retaliatory actions** such as interrupting their tuition remission as a result of their strike, as well as termination/non-renewal of assistantships, withholding of wages aka stipends, and outright expulsion. Their demands are relevant to the graduate workers in UMD, nationwide, and to the cause of organized labor as a whole.

Graduate Assistant Advisory Committee and  
Fearless Student Employees