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The Pennsylvania State University  
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Dear President Bendapudi, Chair Kleppinger, and the Board of Trustees:

We, as Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, understand that graduate teaching and research assistants at Penn State University will be voting soon on whether to form a union. We respectfully urge you to accept the results of this vote and refrain from any further legal challenges to the workers' decision.

As elected leaders from across Pennsylvania, we believe these workers bring great value to the university and our commonwealth. By teaching thousands of undergraduates each year and performing vital research that helps generate \$1.337 billion in grants and contracts annually, graduate assistants help make Penn State a worldwide leader in innovation and an important economic engine for our state. We all appreciate the immense positive impacts your institution has on every corner of Pennsylvania and believe a large part of this success is the direct result of the hard work of these graduate teaching and research assistants.

Pennsylvania's institutions of higher education including Penn State are facing unprecedented challenges to their respective educational and research missions, including defending critical science funding and the rights of international scholars and students. Considering this, we believe it is especially important to refrain from expending any further energy or resources attempting to challenge these workers' right to form a union. If they decide to form a union, we encourage you to embrace their organized voice and commit to promptly bargain with them for a fair contract in good faith.

Sincerely,

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