

## **Testimony of Beth Posner, CUNY Graduate School**

I am a librarian at The Graduate Center. And, I'm testifying in support of all PTers at CUNY. As an example, I want to tell you about our PT College Assistants in our interlibrary loan department. It's our job to lend and borrow digital and print material from libraries near and far. And, to find information from other sources as well, including open access or locally available or unpublished material in any way we can. At my campus, this work is essential to our mission because no single library collections alone could ever support the width and breadth of the scholarly needs of our graduate study and researchers. So, each request we get represents a specific information need of a real person who is trying to research, learn, publish, graduate and grow. And, processing and filling each requests takes work and time...and our part-time staff, college assistants and student employees, are essential to this work. This is the case whether we are in our library or working remotely. In the last three months, we've processed thousands of transactions. And, in a year, we process tens of thousands. We want to, and I believe we do, provide the best of library services to our community. And we are only able to do so because we are staffed to do so. Finally, in addition to the value of what these PT CAs do, I also want to say that two of these positions are replacements for a FT position that we used to have, but no longer do. That many of our PT CAs have been with us for years. That several are CUNY graduates who rely on their jobs to live in NYC. And that, again, that we rely on them to support CUNY students in achieving their goals. Thank you.