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## Vanderbilt Graduate Workers United stand in solidarity with University of Chicago Grad Students United

For over half a year, we have witnessed the Graduate Students United at University of Chicago's ongoing protest against the unfairness and lack of transparency surrounding the Student Services Fee. Their requests for the University reduce the fee after campus shutdowns due to Covid-19 and provide disclosure on what the fee funds have been ignored by the administration, despite media coverage, increasing support, and requests to discuss the matter with administration.

The graduate student workers in Vanderbilt Graduate Workers United expresses deep solidarity with our peers at University of Chicago and condemn their administration's callous handling of this matter, which has a direct impact on students who are especially financially vulnerable at this time. We support their collective refusal to pay this fee and all the effort they have put into raising awareness on this issue.

As a community of workers and scholars, it is our responsibility to stand up to administrative policies that shift financial burdens onto the students and employees they should support. It is also imperative that we recognize and celebrate the efforts of those beyond our own universities for contributions they are making toward workers everywhere. It is for these reasons that we extend our solidarity and support for the graduate workers at University of Chicago.