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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Student Government Board has passed a resolution supporting PA Senate Bill 196, as well as calling for it to be renamed “Alina’s Law. Pitt seeks to honor the death of Alina Sheykhet, who was tragically murdered in an incident of domestic violence. The bill seeks to strengthen protection from abuse orders, commonly known as PFA’s, allowing judges to order electronic monitoring devices for those with PFA’s filed against them. The university seeks to create an environment in which all students and individuals may live free of harm. We will be sending the resolution to members of the state legislature and it can be viewed [here](#).

As part of the campus master planning efforts, campus recreation and student union focus groups are being held on Wednesday, November 8th. The University of Pittsburgh is evaluating its existing and future recreation and student life needs and this is a great way for student input to be heard. The sessions will be hosted in the University Club, Gold Room on the second floor. The on-campus undergraduate session will take place from 4:00pm-4:45pm, and the off-campus undergraduate session will take place from 5:00pm-5:45pm. Snacks and beverages will be provided to all participants.

SGB and the Office of Community & Governmental Relations are hosting the Off-Campus Student Rental Workshop, taking place Wednesday November 8th in the Assembly room of the William Pitt Union. Students will hear from a panel comprised of campus and community representatives, giving insight on off campus living. Some of these topics will include signing a lease, housing policies, trash & recycling regulations, and staying safe off-campus. The workshop will be offered at two different sessions, taking place at 5pm and 7pm. Both sessions will offer free food, drinks, and t-shirts.

SGB is proud to announce Active Minds is the first winner of the Panther of the Month award. This is a student organization which seeks to remove the stigma of mental health, and was especially active during Mental Health Awareness Month. Active Minds held the event featuring Kevin Briggs, which was a tremendous success and motivational for all.

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For more information on the resolution or focus group, contact Max Kneis at [max.kneis@pitt.edu](mailto:max.kneis@pitt.edu), for more information on the off-campus living workshop, contact Jessa Chong at [jac393@pitt.edu](mailto:jac393@pitt.edu), for more information on the Panther Program of the Month, contact Maddie Guido at [mjg108@pitt.edu](mailto:mjg108@pitt.edu)