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[STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR SAMI'S LAW]

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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[28 JANUARY 2020]

[Zechariah Brown] introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

[04 FEBRUARY 2020]

Read the second time and voted on.

A RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS, Sami's Law comes after the passing of New Jersey resident Samantha Josephson, a student at the University of South Carolina, who was kidnapped and murdered by a man who claimed to be her Uber driver;
- WHEREAS, The House bill was first introduced by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ4) and the Senate bill was introduced on the same day as bill number S. 1871, by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD);
- WHEREAS, It is extremely common for college students to use rideshare services;
- WHEREAS, This piece of bi-partisan legislation aims to provide increased protection for both rideshare users and drivers. The Pennsylvania Association of State Related Students (PASS), including University of Pittsburgh, Lincoln University, Temple University, and The Pennsylvania State University, believe that it is important to advocate for the passage of Sami's Law on behalf of a vulnerable constituency. We hope this bill will

ensure that the horrific act that occurred at the University of South Carolina will never happen again;

WHEREAS, Sami's Law requires:

- 1) A front and rear license plate
- 2) A scannable quick response or similar code on the windows for riders to verify that they are entering the correct vehicle
- 3) Illuminated signs that are visible in both day and night, and readable from fifty feet
- 4) Drivers to get periodic safety inspections of their vehicle;

RESOLVED, on this [28th day of January in the year 2020], the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board, on behalf of the over 100,000 students at the Pennsylvania state-related institutions represented by the Pennsylvania Association of State Related Students (PASS), urges Congress to pass H.R. 4686 or S.1871 *and be it finally;*

RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall reflect the official position of the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board.

ADOPTED: this [Date] by a vote of [#] for, [#] against, and [#] abstentions.

Zechariah Brown, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board