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Subject: Resolution Regarding the Student Suicide Prevention Act (SSPA)

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WHEREAS, SUNY Stony Brook student Vignesh Subramanian and the Stony Brook Undergraduate Student Government has proposed, and the UBSA Senate believes in and advocates for, the amendment and expansion of the Student Suicide Prevention Act (“SSPA”) to include colleges and universities and require the development of specified suicide prevention policies on said campuses; and

WHEREAS, expanding the scope of the SSPA would bolster efforts to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the undergraduate students this body represents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UBSA Senate supports the existing provisions of the SSPA, but supports additional efforts to address the needs of NYS students in higher education, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UBSA Senate respectfully recommends the addition of provisions to the SSPA that would uniformly require NYS colleges and universities to adopt policies on suicide prevention, require their resident assistants and staff to be trained in mental health aid, and require the development of appropriate referral and reporting protocols, outreach strategies, and peer support programs for the support of at-risk students.