



January 25, 2022

## **Presidential Signing Statement on Senate Resolution 2223-055**

As President of the Student Government Association, I agree with the Student Senate's endorsement of the Weightlifting Club at Butler and thus have signed SR2223-055.

At the Student Senate meeting on January 11, 2023, executive members of the Weightlifting Club at Butler presented an overview of their prospective student organization. During the presentation, they outlined the high level of interest that they have received from the student body. While I agree with the demonstrated campus need, I do not believe that the executive members adequately addressed the inherent safety concerns of the organization. Simply stating that members have enough knowledge to coach others is not sufficient.

Weightlifting, when done improperly, can lead to serious injuries. My concern is for students' wellbeing as they participate in the organization's weightlifting events. While I assume the University will require all waivers that are needed from the legal side, I hope that extra precautions are taken to ensure the safety of participants. Personally, I believe that properly trained staff should be monitoring and advising all activities of the organization. With licensed personnel on hand, students will not only be able to avoid injury but will also be able to improve their overall health.

This document is not binding and thus it is not a stipulation of the Weightlifting Club's endorsement. However, I urge all necessary departments within the Division of Student Affairs to ensure that proper safety protocols are established to ensure the safety of students.

Cade Chezem  
*Student Body President*



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**SENATE RESOLUTION 2223-055**  
**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE LIFTING CLUB**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

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**Whereas** the Student Government Association Constitution grants the Student Senate the authority to endorse student organizations at Butler University, and

**Whereas** the Lifting Club seeks to support Butler lifters to achieve excellence in the gym, and

**Whereas** the club wishes to support, promote, and educate a diverse and inclusive community of weightlifters, and

**Whereas** there is no other organization that already fulfills this need on Butler's Campus, let it be

**Resolved** that the Student Government Association endorses the Lifting Club as an official student organization at Butler University.

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**Primary Sponsor:**

AJ Boes, Class of 2024 Senator

**Secondary Sponsor:**

Faith Thompson, Class of 2025 Senator

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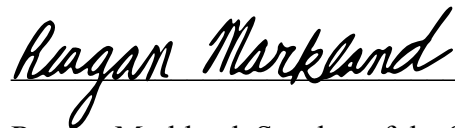
**Vote:**

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

**Signatures:**

  
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Reagan Markland, Speaker of the Student Senate

  
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Cade Chezem, Student Body President