

**Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act.**

**I am writing to express my support for the passage of MD SB624, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act. It is unacceptable that property owners can make unsupported claims about the presence or condition of fire safety equipment and have those representations advertised on platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO without meaningful accountability.**

**My dear friends, the Wiener family endured an unspeakable tragedy due to gross negligence and failures of fundamental fire safety standards.**

**They lost their two beautiful girls, Jillian and Lindsay. The loss of Jillian and Lindsay is felt every single day.**

**What happened to them was incomprehensible, devastating, and should never have occurred.**

**Not all jurisdictions in Maryland require uniform fire and safety protections for short-term rentals and that demands immediate legislative action because Jillian and Lindsay's deaths were entirely preventable.**

**No family should ever suffer such unimaginable grief because fundamental fire safety standards were absent, ignored, or left unverified.**

**Passing MD SB624 would require yearly property inspections for owners who offer short-term rentals. Owners would be mandated to provide proof of inspection and those inspection reports would be accessible on rental platforms. Prospective renters would be able to independently verify that a property has passed fire and safety requirements.**

**When lives can be saved by enforcing basic safety standards, there is a responsibility to act**

**Signed,**

**Robert Brams**

**Resident of Calvert County in the State of Maryland**