

My name is Abby Gritz and I am a constituent of Senator Brian Feldman. It was beyond devastating for my friend Alisa Weiner, her husband Lew and her son Zach to have to go through losing their daughters/sisters in a fire that could have been easily prevented with a simple law to make short term rentals safer by having yearly inspections of fire and smoke alarms. The couple whose home they rented one fateful week in August several years back, made a clear choice NOT to have a safe short-term rental, and nobody should ever ever ever be allowed to get away with that ever again. EVER. As a matter of fact, my husband and kids and I have stayed in short-term rentals in the past and WILL NEVER do it again until and unless this bill passes. Furthermore, we have told every single person we know not to stay in short-term rentals due to the lack of safety laws and accountability. Not that it will ever hurt their bottom-line business wise but hopefully they will care enough to make a change now. This is their chance to make a real difference and save lives. I'm quite sure not one executive of these companies would have wanted this to happen to their families. So why not do the right thing and MAKE A CHANGE! DO THE RIGHT THING! DO IT! It baffles my mind over and over how something so simple could be this hard to enact. DO IT!!!