

Testimony

I am writing to strongly support MD SB0624, the **Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Fire Safety Act**, designed to prevent future fire safety tragedies from occurring in short term rental units. What happened to the Wiener family was avoidable and the State of Maryland should enact this legislation to ensure such future tragedies do not occur.

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.

By following the simple and reasonable steps outlined in SB0624, short term rental hosts and booking services can ensure renters' safety while giving Maryland jurisdictions the inspections and reporting process to ensure compliance.

By complying with the Act booking services and short rental owners share responsibility so similar tragedies never occur again.

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