

Statement in Support of HB1221: Andie Carroll

I write to you in support of HB1221 in honor of my dear friend Jillian and her sister, Lindsay Wiener, who tragically lost their lives in a house fire in 2022.

Jillian was smart, brave, strong, and one of the kindest souls I have ever known. She showed up for the people she loved without hesitation. Lindsay had a light and energy that could fill any room. Being around her meant laughter, warmth, and joy. Together, they brought so much goodness into this world.

Their lives were not defined by how they died. They were defined by how they lived with compassion, strength, and love. But their loss left a hole that can never be filled. No family should have to endure that kind of heartbreak.

That is why this bill matters. HB1221 is about simple, practical steps, including evacuation diagrams, working smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and emergency numbers clearly posted. These safeguards can make all the difference in a moment when every second counts.

In Jillian and Lindsay's memory, we have an opportunity to turn unimaginable pain into meaningful change. We cannot bring them back, but we can honor their lives by helping prevent another family from experiencing this kind of loss.

Let us ensure that no one else loses their best friend, their sister, their daughter because basic fire safety measures were missing. I urge you to pass this bill in their memory.