

SB 0970 - SUPPORT

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Fire Protection and Prevention – Sprinkler Systems and Smoke Alarms
Requirements (Melanie Diaz Sprinklers Save Lives Act)

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

My name is Young Jun Jun and I am writing to express my support in favor of bill SB0970.

Melanie Diaz was a friend of mine and an incredible human being with a promising future. She had the passion and compassion to help her community and give back. Sadly she passed away in a fire in her apartment building, which could easily have been avoided with fire detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers. She was only 25 years old and to further prevent the unjust loss of any life, I urge the local governments of Maryland and Montgomery County to pass any and all legislation in support of strengthening safety precautions against fires.

I urge a favorable report on SB 0970.