

HB1221 — Written Testimony

Position: Favorable

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My name is Emma Hammerschmidt, and I am testifying in strong support of HB1221.

In 2022, I lost one of my closest friends, Lindsay Weiner, along with her incredible sister, Jillian Weiner. Both girls brought extraordinary light into this world. Their lives were tragically and unfairly cut short in a fire at a short-term rental property.

What makes this loss even more devastating is knowing that their deaths, and the deaths of others in similar circumstances, could have been prevented. No family or friends should have to endure the unimaginable pain and grief of losing a loved one in a tragedy that basic safety measures could have avoided.

I miss Lindsay and Jillian with my whole heart every single day. While nothing can bring them back, we have the ability, and the responsibility, to prevent future loss. Simple fire safety requirements in short-term rentals can save lives.

I urge you to pass HB1221. Let their legacy be one that protects others.