

HB1221 – Written Testimony

Position: Favorable

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My name is Delia Curran, and I am writing in strong support of HB1221, which establishes statewide fire safety requirements for short-term rental units.

In August 2022, my best friend, Lindsay Wiener, and her sister, Jillian Wiener, passed away in a preventable house fire while on vacation with their family. They were both adventurous and vibrant, making the most of every moment and filling their lives with laughter and love.

Processing their loss is impossible. It is something that our community will carry forever.

As time has passed, losing Lindsay has not gotten any easier. I feel her absence in small moments in each day, and every milestone feels incomplete. Lindsay wasn't there for her 21st birthday. She didn't graduate alongside us. Nothing can change what happened to Jillian and Lindsay, but passing HB1221 will ensure that no family has to experience this unimaginable loss in the future.

Vacation is supposed to be relaxing, not life-ending. We deserve to assume we are safe and protected in a short-term rental unit, but that is not the reality today. The regulations established by HB1221 are necessary and long overdue. I urge you to support this bill. Nobody should lose a loved one because proper fire safety precautions were not in place.