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Delegate Linda K. Foley  
House Office Building  
Room 220  
6 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB1221, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act

Dear Delegate Linda Foley and the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing to you in support of HB1221, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act.

In August 2022, my childhood best friend Jillian and her younger sister Lindsay died in a horrific fire while on vacation. Both Jillian and Lindsay were like family to me. I cannot describe the sorrow and heartbreak their deaths brought, to me, to their family, and to their community. I can only hope to ensure that no one else has to experience the loss I have. Short term rental units should be required to provide evacuation diagrams, emergency phone numbers, fire extinguishers, and smoke alarms. Putting these simple safety measures in place could prevent so many future tragedies.

Jillian was incredibly brave and loving. She jumped headfirst into every challenge and took every chance to embrace adventure. She was always someone I was glad to have in my corner. Lindsay could make anyone feel comfortable and had an infectious joy that always made those around her smile. In their memory, I urge you to pass HB1221 and ensure all rental units have lifesaving safety features.

Thank you for working to improve public safety and for honoring the lives of my amazing friends.

Sincerely,  
Anna Neiman-Golden

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