

I submit this testimony in strong support for passage of MD HB1221, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act. This bill is an important step in helping protect consumers/renters of short term rental properties. I grew up and live in Maryland and would like to see my home state take this action, and to outlaw a property owner being able to make untrue statements about the fire safety of a rental property.

Property owners of short term rentals must be required to show proof of fire safety inspection, and Airbnb or VRBO who however posts the listing should require that information and be held liable if they don't require proof of or confirm the rental fire safety. I have been friends with the Wiener family since I was a very small child and it has been just awful losing Jillian and Lindsay and knowing the heartache of their parents and brother Zach. Please pass this bill!