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Economic Matters Committee
Maryland State Legislature
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: *The Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act*

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Jenifer Goldman Fraser and I am writing to the Committee to provide my testimony in support of the *Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act*. I offer this witness testimony as a close relative of Jillian and Lindsay, who were the daughters of my first cousin, Alisa Wiener. What my cousin experienced – a vacation turned into a traumatic nightmare of unimaginable grief and loss – was entirely due to the lack of local laws or regulations mandating fire safety inspections and other essential fire safety protocols. This tragedy was wholly preventable.

I write this testimony as a heartbroken family member. Alisa, her son Zachary, and our extended family are forever changed by that night in August 2022 when Jillian and Lindsay were senselessly killed in a fire because the smoke detectors did not work.

I write this testimony as a mother. Every single time my adult children stay in an AirBnB or VRBO rental, I ask them to check for information about fire safety in the listing and to inquire of the owner/rental company if the smoke detectors have been checked to ensure they are working.

And I write this testimony on behalf of the millions of parents who stay in short-term rentals, unwittingly putting their families at risk.

I want to thank Maryland Senator Brian Feldman and Maryland Delegate Linda Foley for submitting this bill to the Maryland legislature. It is common sense legislation that will protect families from preventable injury or death. Truly, it is hard to imagine any rationale or reason for why this bill should not be passed.

Respectfully,



Jenifer Goldman Fraser