

**Written Testimony in Support of HB1221  
Public Safety – Short-Term Rental Units – Fire Safety  
(Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act)**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marlee Mofshin, and I am writing in strong support of HB1221, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act.

This bill is deeply personal to me. Lindsay Wiener was my best friend. She and her older sister, Jillian, lost their lives in a tragic house fire at a short-term rental property in the Hamptons, New York. The fire was the result of the property owners failing to complete proper safety inspections and enforce basic fire safety standards.

Losing my best friend is something I never imagined I would have to endure. It has forever changed me. I carry anxiety I never used to have. I think about her every single day. I miss her in the quiet moments, in the milestones, in the ordinary days that should have included her. And while my grief is heavy, I cannot begin to imagine what her family experiences daily.

What makes this loss even more painful is knowing that it could have been prevented.

Basic fire safety requirements, inspections, working smoke detectors, safe exits, are not burdensome regulations. They are life-saving protections. When families rent a home, they assume it meets minimum safety standards. No one thinks to check whether the property owner was “too busy” or “too careless” to follow the law.

Jillian and Lindsay should still be here.

HB1221 ensures that short-term rental properties are held accountable to enforceable fire safety standards so that no other family has to experience this type of preventable tragedy. This bill is not about politics. It is about responsibility, prevention, and protecting human life.

Please do not let their deaths be in vain. I respectfully urge a favorable report on HB1221 so that meaningful safety standards are in place and properly enforced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marlee Mofshin