

## Written Support for Bill HB1221

### Short Term Rental Fire Safety - In named for Jillian & Lindsay

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My daughter met Lindsay her freshman year at Tulane University. They quickly became inseparable, pledging the same sorority and building the kind of friendship that defines a lifetime. They shared everything, like milestones, laughter, dreams for the future.

In the summer of 2022, Lindsay's family rented a home in the Hamptons, something families have done for years without hesitation. What should have been a carefree summer turned into an unimaginable tragedy. My daughter received the most devastating call of her life: her best friend had been killed in a fire inside that rental home.

This was not just a tragic accident. It raises painful and necessary questions. Were proper inspections conducted? Were safety measures up to code? Were smoke detectors functioning? If basic safety protocols had been followed, this may never have happened.

The Weiner family lost their daughters. My daughter lost her best friend. And a community of young people lost someone irreplaceable.

In the aftermath, my daughter fell into a deep depression. The place that had always symbolized summer, safety, and joy; the Hamptons, where our own family had rented homes for years; suddenly became a reminder of loss.

Her friends immediately flew in from across the country to stand together at the funeral, united in heartbreak, saying their final goodbyes far too soon.

No family should ever experience this. Rental homes must be held to the highest safety standards so that no other life is lost due to preventable negligence.