

Dear Committee,

My name is Noa West and I'm writing **in favor to enact BILL HB1221, Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act**".

On August 3rd, 2022 at 3:00am one of the worst things imaginable happened. My cousins Jillian and Lindsay were trapped and died in a house fire. A family of 5 to a family of 3 in minutes.

A rental home in Hamptons, the Wiener family were cozy and soaking up the last month of summer, and celebrating life, as this was one of the last years my Uncle Lew was alive. Yes, my uncle had terminal pancreatic cancer at the time, and they knew he was going to pass soon. This summer moment was supposed to be a love letter to him.

The family of five woke up to a house erupted in flames. My cousin Zach was one of the first to wake, thinking that the exploding glass was somebody breaking into the house. The house was black, no electricity, and engulfed in flames. My cousin's Jillian and Lindsay were in a part of the house where they could not jump out of windows (their room only had a skylight) down a hallway that had no return. What came next was gruesome, insane, and very, very real. When paramedics came, they were so covered in soot and ash that they were black, and had passed.

At the shiva, I watched a glass bowl on my counter with their precious jewelry, soaking in water. Flakes of black ash sank to the bottom. Can you imagine this nightmare?

***If this rental home had a fire alarm, the lives of two beautiful young girls, who had their whole lives ahead of them would be flourishing.***

This nightmare was so preventable, that it makes my head spin in anger, in agony. This bill would save the lives of so many people. Please enact the "**Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act**" to save lives, to keep rentals to a standard that is respectable, for justice, and for Jillian and Lindsay.