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To the Members of
The State of Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Testimony in Strong Support for Life-Saving Bill HB1221

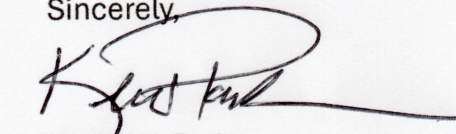
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this as my written testimony in strong support for Bill HB1221, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act.

As a family friend of Jillian, Lindsay, their brother and parents, I know personally the preventable dangers and consequences that unregulated short term rental properties pose to the public. The girls' needless deaths could have been prevented with simple, affordable, and highly effective technologies and devices had they been required and those requirements enforced. Further, requiring evacuation diagrams and emergency phone numbers, and providing the public with other common-sense information and resources, will create a safer rental system in Maryland at minimal cost to rental property owners.

Bill HB1221 establishes minimum safety requirements for short term rental units that should be enacted by the Maryland General Assembly to protect the public and I strongly advocate for its passage and enactment.

Sincerely,



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