

To the Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

My name is Ari Nalitt, and I am writing in strong support of HB1221, the Short-Term Rental Fire Safety bill.

I know Lindsay and Jillian through Tulane, and their loss has deeply impacted our community. They were so bright, kind, and full of life, and what happened to them is something that should never have been possible. No family should ever have to experience a tragedy that could have been prevented with basic safety measures in place.

Strengthening fire safety requirements for short-term rentals is a practical and necessary step to protect lives. When people stay in these properties, they assume they are safe. Simple requirements like working smoke detectors and clear safety standards should not be optional. They are the bare minimum.

Passing HB1221 would not undo the pain their families and friends carry, but it would honor their memory by helping ensure something like this does not happen again.

I respectfully urge you to support this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ari Nalitt