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I am writing to express my strong support for the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act. Requiring fire safety measures in short-term rentals is not only reasonable, it is essential to protecting and saving lives.

I have witnessed firsthand the devastation that occurs when working fire safety equipment is absent. My dear friends lost two beautiful daughters in a tragic fire that could have been prevented had the rental home they stayed in been equipped with functioning smoke alarms and other basic safety devices. No family should ever endure such a loss, especially when the tools to prevent it are simple, affordable, and already required in most residential settings.

Working fire safety equipment provides early warning and immediate protection during a fire, giving occupants critical time to escape and reducing the risk of injury or death. Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and sprinklers can stop a small fire from becoming a catastrophic one, safeguarding both lives and property.

We already have laws requiring smoke alarms in homes, and when someone pays to lease a property—whether for a weekend or a year—it is reasonable to expect that these alarms are present and in good working order. Homeowners who choose to rent their properties short-term are operating a business, and with that comes the responsibility to ensure the safety of the product they are providing.

The Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short-Term Rental Fire Safety Act is a necessary and compassionate step toward preventing future tragedies. I urge you to support this legislation and help ensure that no other family suffers a loss that could have been avoided.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

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