

I am writing to express my strong, unwavering support for passage of MD SB624, the Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act.

When I first read the bill, I could not believe something similar was not yet in effect. Not only that, but for it to be entirely permissible to make false claims about safety measures with no penalties. Why claim certain safety aspects in rentals if they are not vetted, or worse, don't actually exist?

I have known the Wiener family my entire life and I will never forget the horror, heartbreak, anger, and devastation I felt when they passed away due to an entirely avoidable event. To think that if this bill were in effect years ago, they would still be here today, sends shivers down my spine.

Moving this bill into law will not only honor their lives, but it will protect other renters and their loved ones from experiencing the pain that I and many others have felt for years. Some things are truly avoidable, and death due to lack of safety precautions in short term accommodations is one of those avoidable things.

I urge you to pass this bill into law, and I sincerely appreciate the time taken to read this note.