

I'm writing in support of

SB0624 – THE JILLIAN & LINDSAY WIENER SHORT TERM RENTAL FIRE SAFETY ACT

If commonsense safety laws we all take for granted – like wearing seatbelts and bike helmets, stopping at red lights – had been in place, the testimonies you're hearing today, in support of the **Jillian and Lindsay Wiener Short Term Rental Fire Safety Act**, would not be necessary. And my beautiful, productive, joyful cousins, Jillian and Lindsay, would be well into their 20s, living the lives they expected and deserved to have. But because of the reckless negligence of two homeowners and the failure of the county and state to write and enforce safety laws for vacation rentals, Jillian and Lindsay perished in a devastating house fire that left their family and friends traumatized and grief stricken. Customers rent houses they believe to be safe and, instead, are unknowingly vulnerable. It's obviously not enough to depend on the landlord's word. This is "consumer protection" in the most basic sense and of the highest urgency. This law needs to be passed with rigorous inspection and diligent enforcement in place. Please vote "yes" **now**. - *Judith Lief, Brooklyn NY*