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Alderman Edward Burke

Dear People of Chicago:

On February 20, 2003, our lives changed forever! We lost our beautiful daughter Tammy Mattera-Housa in The West Warwick, RI Station Fire. 99 other victims perished that night; it was a tragic event that could have easily been prevented. If only there had been fire sprinklers in the nightclub. My two grandchildren would still have their mother.

I have watched many test fire burns. The ones that had sprinklers contained the fires to a small area keeping the flames to a minimum and extinguishing the fire quickly. Saving property, but most importantly saving human lives.

You absolutely must pass the high-rise fire codes. We refuse to believe after all the tragedies in Chicago and Rhode Island that there is any doubt in anybody's mind about this important decision to pass these fire codes. People should not have to work, or better yet, live in a high-rise of any kind that is not fully fire alarmed and sprinklered – Would You??

We lost 100 people needlessly all because of no sprinkler systems.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THEIR DEATHS BE IN VAIN!!!
PASS YOUR FIRE CODES IN THEIR HONOR!!!

Respectfully Yours,
Raymond and Diane Mattera