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## **Article Guide: A battle is brewing over a bill that would require sprinklers be added to older condos**

This guide is designed to help you analyze the article *A Battle is Brewing Over a Bill That Would Require Sprinklers Be Added to Older Condos* by Jake Blumgart. Use it to help you understand the key points, arguments, and perspectives presented in the text.

### **I. Key Questions:**

1. What is the central issue being debated in this article?
2. Who are the main groups involved in this debate, and what are their positions?
3. What are the main arguments in favor of the bill requiring sprinklers in older condos?
4. What are the main arguments against the bill?
5. What evidence is presented to support both sides of the argument?
6. What is the current status of the bill, and what are the potential next steps?
7. How does the article frame the issue of fire safety in older buildings?
8. What are the potential costs and benefits of implementing the bill?
9. To what extent does the article explore the historical context of this debate?
10. What is the author's tone and purpose in writing this article?

### **II. Vocabulary:**

Identify and define the following terms from the article:

- Mandate
- Proponents
- Opponents
- Unfunded mandate
- Retrofit
- Conflagration
- Efficacy

### **III. Main Arguments:**

Summarize the main arguments presented by:

- Proponents of the bill:
- Opponents of the bill:

### **IV. Evidence and Supporting Details:**

1. What evidence does the author provide to support the claim that sprinklers are effective in suppressing fires?
2. What data or statistics are provided about the number of buildings and residents that

would be affected by the bill?

3. What specific concerns do residents of older buildings have about the bill?

**V. Critical Thinking:**

1. After reading the article, what do you think is the strongest argument in favor of the bill? Explain your reasoning.
2. What do you think is the strongest argument against the bill? Explain your reasoning.
3. How does the article address the issue of cost, and do you think it is adequately addressed? Why or why not?
4. What are the potential unintended consequences of passing or not passing this bill?
5. What additional information or perspectives would you like to have in order to form a more complete understanding of this issue?