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Good afternoon Mr. Tadeson,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email regarding the recent proposal to allow ADU's in Hamilton. What a great idea! I hope this is something you and the other councillors will approve to address our housing crisis and urban sprawl issues.

ADU's can **increase the availability of rental units across** urban suburban neighbourhoods and in rural settlement areas. They increase the range of rental options available in a municipality, opening the door for someone to live in an already established residential neighbourhood in a house with a yard and garden access.

ADUs can help **people become or remain homeowners**. A rental unit in or on a residential property might make a home purchase viable for a first-time buyer with rental revenue helping to pay for a mortgage. An ADU might also be what enables a current homeowner to remain in their home by providing the revenue required to cover on-going costs.

ADUs can also enable extended families to support each other – The opportunity to establish a suite in an existing home or a backyard, can enable a primary resident to create housing for adult children or aging parents on site but in separate living spaces. This enables everyone to have their own living

space on a family property but with supports nearby –something that might be essential in the case of elderly family members.

In hope and solidarity,
Verena Walter