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Subject: Proposed Changes to ADU Developments

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I'm a resident in the North End and recently partnered with IMBY Homes to develop an affordable ADU in our backyard.

With respect to the anticipated notice of motion to restrict the development of ADUs in Hamilton, I believe this is extremely shortsighted and misguided.

The proposed changes would functionally limit new ADUs to a single storey - this would severely limit the ability of ADUs developed by home owners across the city to provide critically needed boost to the housing supply. Limiting the height of ADUs goes against the intentions of provincial legislation supporting ADUs and makes it significantly harder to create affordable homes for families.

We put a single storey unit in our yard, but it only was possible because of the unusually large lot size and even so it's still only housing a single person now. We need to stop getting in our own way and make it easier for people to build densifying housing within the city boundaries or the housing crisis will carry on in perpetuity.

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