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Dear Planning Committee:

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the ADU bylaws. I am not in favour of the proposed height restrictions to ADU builds.

Hamilton is in a housing crisis! We need all the housing we can get!

If home owners are willing to add an ADU to their property, we should be encouraging them as much as possible, not making it harder. If they are willing to provide affordable homes for families, the footprint of a two-storey unit offers the smallest impact.

Two-storey ADU's are the most cost-effective way to build independent housing for families within established neighbourhoods. And not only do they provide an affordable place for a family to live, they have the potential to address the massive epidemic of isolation and seclusion that saps our city's social supports. Having a safe space to live and authentic connection to neighbours offers a sense of community and belonging which leads to better mental health and well being. Which leads to less cost for the city for social supports.

Limiting the height of ADUs to one storey is counter to achieving the intentions of provincial legislation supporting ADUs and would minimize the opportunity to create affordable homes and better flourishing for families.

Families in our city need homes and community. Homeowners in our city are willing to help make that happen. Please don't restrict this cost effective solution to one of our city's biggest crises! Show families and homeowners that Hamilton prioritizes them!

Thank you.

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