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**Subject:** Support for Two-Storey ADUs in Hamilton

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Dear Councillor Kroetsch,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Maya, and I am writing as a resident of Hamilton and a proud advocate for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). As someone who has personally experienced the benefits of living in a tiny home, I want to express my strong support for maintaining the option to develop two-storey ADUs in our city.

Living in a one-storey ADU has been an incredible experience for me as a single dweller. It provides just the right amount of space for my personal needs while allowing me to live sustainably and independently. However, through my experience, I've come to realize that ADUs designed with larger families in mind require more space—both vertically and horizontally—to truly meet their needs.

In cases where backyard space is limited, the ability to build upward is not only practical but also essential. Restricting ADUs to one storey would severely limit their functionality, particularly for families who need more than one bedroom. A two-storey design allows families to enjoy affordable, independent housing while preserving valuable outdoor space for recreation and gardening.

Furthermore, two-storey ADUs align with the province's intentions to increase affordable housing options without disrupting the character of established neighbourhoods. They are far less intrusive than typical infill housing, offering smaller footprints and minimal impact on neighbouring properties. They also add significant value to properties, benefitting homeowners and the broader community alike.

Restricting ADUs to one storey would hinder the progress Hamilton has made in creating sustainable, inclusive neighbourhoods. I urge you to oppose any motion that would reduce the height allowance for ADUs and instead continue to support policies that enable flexible, family-friendly housing options.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to discuss my experience further or provide additional input if needed.

Sincerely,  
Maya