From: Mary Simon
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Accessory Dwelling Units measure
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Dear Members of the Denver City Council,

As a resident of City Council District 5 (and the Bellevue-Hale neighborhood) I am writing in strong support of Councilwoman Sawyer's proposed rezoning measure (24-0089) for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Bellevue-Hale neighborhood, which will be considered at the full Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm on Monday, April 8th.

In the context of our city's affordable housing crisis, this particular re-zoning measure will obviously be just one small part of many necessary steps to address the crisis. However, it is a commonsense proposal, and we cannot afford to leave anything on the table when it comes to expanding opportunities for every person in our community to have access to affordable housing.

I am concerned that an organized group of our neighbors appears to be mounting a challenge to this commonsense measure. While I have not seen one of their flyers, I have been told that they are motivated by outrageous rumors such as a) that homeowners will be required to build ADUs and b) that the city will tell them who they must rent these units to. We should all be joining together to lend our voices in support of the right of every neighbor to have a safe and affordable place to live.

I am also aware that any resident can request permission to build an ADU on their lot. However, the proposed measure would streamline the process and increase the chance that needed ADUs will be constructed.

I urge all Council members to support Councilwoman Sawyer's efforts to proceed with this effort in the Bellevue-Hale neighborhood.

Respectfully,

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