

Hello,

I'm a constituent of district 9 and I wanted to voice my support for bill HB 1259. This bill promotes the ability of homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their own property.

There is a housing crisis in the United States and in Maryland. There is an enormous amount of growth in jobs around metropolitan and suburban areas such as the DC/Baltimore region. However, there is not a concurrent growth in the housing supply. ADUs are a very small way we can increase the housing stock in Maryland. As a property owner, it's important to have the freedom to build on my property as I see fit without restrictive laws. Furthermore, this law in a small way can mitigate climate change and increase our tax base. People want to live in Maryland but high cost of housing pushes people further away from jobs in search of more affordable living accommodations. I have co-workers who would like to live in Maryland but given high home prices, they would rather commute from Pennsylvania. These long commutes, cause highway congestion, waste people's time, and leads to increased fuel consumption. Everyone loses. We lose out on a larger tax base, people lose time commuting, and the planet loses with increased gasoline consumption.

Increasing the housing supply even by a small amount can make housing more affordable for individuals and help the citizens of my district Howard County and all of Maryland.

Thank you,
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