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I am writing regarding S-2035, which would require five years of owner-occupancy before a property becomes eligible to build an accessory dwelling unit “by right.” This approach strikes a reasonable balance between expanding housing options and protecting neighborhoods from investor-driven overdevelopment. By ensuring that ADUs are tied to long-term owner-occupied properties, the bill supports responsible growth while preserving the character and stability of single-family communities. I encourage the committee to give this proposal full consideration.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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