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Dear decision maker,

Everyone deserves to age in a home and community of their choosing. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are an ideal solution to keep families together — an economic alternative to the high cost of assisted living centers. ADUs help with aging-in-place and living in communities near loved ones. They provide an opportunity to house caregivers close by, in turn helping our loved ones who need caregiving.

That's why I'm asking you to ensure that homeowners have options when looking into suitable housing that fits their life stage by supporting Agenda Item 23-1243.

This proposal allows for a homeowner to meet the housing needs of their parents, adult children, grandchildren, or other loved ones while also providing an option to the homeowner to exercise their property rights to gain additional income. ADUs can assist in providing appropriate housing to essential workers such as teachers, nurses, or first responders, who would like to live in the communities they serve.

Housing options are necessary to address the needs of people of all ages and abilities.

I read where you or Aarp wanted folks to comment on ADUs in La Crosse. When I moved to La Crosse 4 years ago, I thought the city was ready to allow for these additions. I had asked about ADUs the previous year when I visited. I was told by Tim Aklin then that the city would be ready with code the next year. The city was not ready the next year and as far as I know, city staff still may not be ready. I had to buy a larger home nearby. It seems that in-staff fighting is one of the major reasons, nothing has been decided. My daughter-in-law, a city council member here, thinks that folks in La Crosse may be worried ADUs will be used for student housing rather than more permanent and quieter residents. I had wanted a mother-in-law ADU in my son's backyard but was not allowed to build it because city staff could not reach a consensus about building them.

I am familiar with ADUs as I lived in Portland, Oregon, and loved the concept and the design.
Eileen Kennedy

Again, I'm urging you to support agenda item 23-1243. Thank you for helping to make La Crosse a true age-friendly community.

Thank you.

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