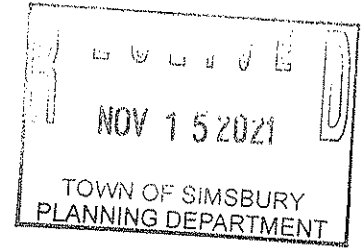


Hollis Joseph

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H.B 6107 / Public Act 21-29 would zone more accessory dwelling units as-of-right, making this living option more accessible. It would also allow us to have ADUs that are up to 1,000 SQ FT (currently 600 square feet) or 30% of the main dwelling size (whichever is less).

This is a difficult decision. The desire to control zoning in our Town is strong. The town would like to be positioned to competitively attract the growing portion of the US population who is aging and over 65. As a member of the "sandwich" generation I have an adult disabled child and an aging parent. Many of my friends have their previously independent adult children back home with them. Others are having to find space in their homes for an elderly parent. I have seen two successfully implemented ADUs in my neighborhood both housing aging parents. .

In adopting the proposed regulations the Town of Simsbury will enjoy the benefits of an expanded diversity of housing options and the ability to attract those currently unable to find and afford housing in our town.

That said, if you do decide to Opt Out, I hope you will consider changing the zoning regulations as they are today to better accommodate the changing needs of Simsbury families. If there are aspects of P.A. 21-29 you cannot support, please consider revisiting those you do support. There is an opportunity here to craft a solution that improves on the current process and is tailored to Simsbury.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Cook