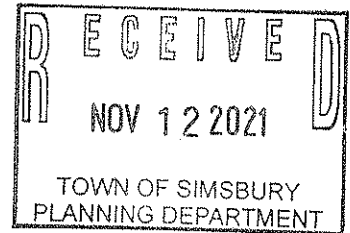


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Mike and the Simsbury Zoning Commission –

I am writing not only as the Chair of the Aging and Disability Commission for the Town of Simsbury, but as a parent of a young adult with a lifelong disability. I am in support of keeping the policies in Public Act 21-29 and not opting out of these important zoning policies. Please opt in to the new law that allows for expanded benefits of ADUs for both the homeowner and the town.

Simsbury's zoning for ADUs is far too restrictive for anyone to live with dignity and respect, especially those who would benefit most from these units and expanded allowance – The Aging and the Disability communities. Our town should be encouraging safe and appropriate housing options for our community and for many that means living in the home or in an accessory unit of the home. As the Simsbury population ages, the option to live close to relatives and family while maintaining a level of independence becomes crucial. Senior living options are often cost prohibitive and an ADU is often a desirable solution. For the disability population, safety and dignity are often the key driving factor for an appropriate living situation. Not everyone is suitable for a group home nor a fully independent living option. An ADU offers the safety and dignity of "independence" but with the oversight and familiarity of the family home. Disability housing options are extremely limited and funding for them is almost nonexistent. These members of our community deserve better. The important part being OUR COMMUNITY. Simsbury needs to be supporting everyone in our community so that their independence, respect, and dignity can be maintained. Seniors and people with disabilities who remain in our community are consumers – eating at our restaurants, shopping in our businesses; employees – working in our stores, businesses, and restaurants; taxpayers and our neighbors and friends. Providing the framework to allow them to remain in our town by OPTING IN to Public Act 21-29 is a win for all.

I implore you to consider ALL of Simsbury's population and community when voting on this matter. Yes to Public Act 21-29. Yes to Opting IN. Yes to making Simsbury accessible to all. YES to Simsbury being a community for all.

Sincerely,

Diana A. Yeisley  
Chair  
Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission

Mother to Carter Yeisley - 21 year old Simsbury resident with autism living at home

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