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**To:** SSIInfo  
**Subject:** August 18th Hearing on Bylaw 530

**RE: August 18 Public Hearing Bylaw 530 – Accessory Dwelling Units.**

I am a [REDACTED] islander and small business person. Professionally, my work is in nonprofit and philanthropic consulting at the complex intersections of biodiversity conservation, climate, and rural community wellbeing.

I'm writing in support of Bylaw 530-Accessory Dwelling Units. This bylaw will help islanders house islanders within a small environmental footprint. As you know, 'accessory dwelling units' -- cottages and suites, aren't a new thing here on Salt Spring.

Bylaw 530 is new. It's a small yet important attempt to provide a solution that will help to grow our on-island compliment of resident landlords -- people with a primary residence who are willing to provide either a secondary suite, or a suite associated with an accessory building, or a cottage, onto their property.

Of course, allowing accessory dwelling units as rental housing will not solve the critical housing equity and workforce shortages we are experiencing here. It will however, begin to expand island housing options.

The vast majority of housing on Salt Spring consists of expensive single family homes, many of which have a large environmental footprint. Bylaw 530 will promote a better mix of housing types to address the needs of our community.

Bylaw 530 supports housing for working people on SSI – offers housing for those who commute from off-island, artisans who are wanting to making SSI their home and studio, young farmers looking to build a life on SSI, and it supports housing options for hospital workers who are consistently leaving the island due to lack of housing options.

Bylaw 530 is one important step to increasing the quality and quantity of SSI housing options, while ensuring preservation and protection of the island's biodiversity and freshwater, marine, and forest resources.

Please support Bylaw 530!

Sincerely,

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