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### **Salt Spring Island Trustees and Staff**

I'm writing to support Bylaw 530-Accessory Dwelling Units. This bylaw will help islanders house islanders within a small environmental footprint. Planners call them 'accessory dwelling units, but regular folk call them cottages and suites, and they're not a new thing here on Salt Spring. As a matter of fact, I live in a small cottage and luckily have for years, raising my two children and contributing to our community.

However, Bylaw 530 is new. It's a small attempt to provide a solution that will help to grow our on-island complement 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 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.

Sincerely,

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