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Fwd: Note of Support for ADU to be Located at 537 Barrett's Mill

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Good Morning Mr. O'Reilly-

I write in support of the special permit application for the proposed ADU to be constructed at 537 Barrett's Mill Road.

The ADU being proposed at 537 Barrett's Mill Road meets the spirit and the letter of Concord's zoning laws. Specifically, the proposed ADU provides independent living space to the oldest member of an intergenerational household. Mother and daughter are sharing the burdens of homeownership, and the ADU, at the proposed size requiring a special permit, provides the ability to continue doing so while providing a safe, private and accessible dwelling where Ros can age in place as Allegra and Zach's school-aged children grow older.

As a neighbor on Barrett's Mill Road, I do not believe the proposed ADU would have a substantial detriment to the neighborhood and, in fact, I believe it is very much in line with the agricultural history of our district. Specifically, I and many of my neighbors (and neighbors of 537 Barrett's Mill) have outbuildings of various sizes on our properties. Some buildings that were once barns or stalls are now being used as garages, guest suites, pool houses or sheds. The proposed ADU is to be a single story, with reasonable square footage, located behind an existing residence, that will not be readily visible from Barrett's mill road and will be minimally visible from Lee Drive. This is hardly out of place in the broader Barrett's Mill Road neighborhood where the vast majority of homes have some form of separate structure located on the property.

I urge the Board to grant the Special Permit for this thoughtfully designed, compliant ADU which furthers the very purpose of the Zoning Law by permitting a young family to have a successful intergenerational living arrangement, sharing the substantial burdens of homeownership in Concord.

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