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To Whom it may concern,

I came to the University of Guelph to pursue a Commerce degree in 1998. After finishing my degree in 2002, I realized I wanted to make Guelph my home. Twenty-five years later, I have a family and business within our community. Our city has grown exponentially over this time. In my opinion, the city council has been pragmatic in the growth of our community.

Guelph has been one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. We need a reasonable solution to combat the current housing supply vs demand issues facing the city. As city staff has noted, "the imbalance between the supply of and demand for housing which has contributed to increases in average home ownership and rental costs that have far outpaced increases in average income." The current housing supply lacks the demands of our great community. Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (2023)-20790 to allow four units per residential property will not solve our overall supply issues but has the potential to be a great starting point to increase supply, ultimately making housing more affordable within our community. It can also provide incentives for current property owners or investors to develop the housing types the city has identified as most needed to meet the needs of our HAF application.

I fully support this amendment to Bylaw (2023)-20790 and hope the council will take Guelph in the same direction.

Regards,



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