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Delaying the enactment of this bill, especially the ADU component, would impact people who simply do not have time to wait. The average person building and then living in an ADU is a senior in their 60s. They are trying to downsize, receive help from their children as they age, and spend more time with grandchildren.

As many know, the average lifespan in the United States is 76. Delaying the bill's implementation by even 1 more year may steal 10%, or more, of one of these grandparent time left living closer to their families.

IN just the past 3 years of working with families and building ADUs, we have examples of elderly grandparents suffering falls that could have been prevented if they lived closer to their children in assessable spaces. These falls put these grandparents into assisted living, cost the state unnecessary expense, and stripped them of their chance to live closer to family in their later years.

We urge you not to extend the implementation timeline of LD 2003 and especially not the ADU components. Updating town zoning ordinances to comply with this law is simply not the herculean effort municipalities are suggesting; and certainly not as herculean as the accumulative efforts of thousands of people searching for a place to call home.