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To: Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>

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Dear Ms. Nann-

I am a resident of the Stipley neighborhood in Hamilton. It has come to my attention that there is a vote planned in city council this Friday related to the current bylaw prohibiting backyard chickens. I was unable to find mention of this in the council agenda but I wanted to write to express my support for a change in the bylaw allowing small flocks (for example under 5 chickens, and no roosters) within the city of Hamilton. I do not know where you stand on this issue, but I would request that you vote in favor of allowing backyard chickens in Hamilton.

As with any other pet, it is important to ensure that they are well-cared for, that waste is cleaned up, and that animals are not disturbing neighbors. If dogs, which cause far more noise disturbance in my neighborhood are allowed, then I do not understand why small flocks of chickens are a problem. I think it is critical for urban residents to have a closer connection to how food is produced, and caring for animals that nourish your family is one way to deepen that connection.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel Yantzi