To Whom It May Concern,

At the Food Systems Lab, we have conducted research on the issue of food waste and food insecurity in the City of Toronto. We have found that backyard hens serve an important role in supporting our efforts to create a more sustainable and resilient city. Backyard hens may also reduce food waste by consuming food scraps such as rice and grains.

We would like to express our support for backyard hens in the City of Toronto

Sincerely,

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