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Members of the House Environment Committee,

I write to ask you to pass H 6108 and allow the raising of chickens in all parts of RI (with a few exceptions) Several years ago I was part of a group of people who asked the providence City Council to allow chickens in the city. Since such time many people have raised chickens, and the number of complaints has been almost zero. There is a family right across the street from e that raises a few chickens for their eggs. I occasionally hear the chickens. But in no way do the chickens constitute a nuisance. There have been zero complaints by anyone on our block. And considering that we have 4000 sq foot lots there is probably no place in RI with backyards that have smaller backyards. Ifg we have no problems with chickens in the neighborhood, there is no reason to believe that anyone keeping hens will disturb their neighbors, and considering the price of eggs these days, allowing families to raise backyard hens seems quite timely. Please pass H 6108.

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