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Deputy Commissioner

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Alderman Robert Donovan
Chair, Public Safety Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Donovan:

The City of Milwaukee Department of City Development supports passage of file no. 101416, proposed substitute A. The file would amend the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (MCO 78-6.5) to allow the keeping of chickens in the City of Milwaukee.

Legislation to allow backyard chickens supports Milwaukee's efforts to foster urban agriculture and access to high-quality food across Milwaukee. The ordinance is modeled on successful ordinances enacted in other Wisconsin municipalities and should allow Milwaukeeans to raise chickens without creating any nuisances or fostering significant enforcement burdens.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Brown
Deputy Commissioner

C: Members of the Public Safety Committee
Ald. Nik Kovac