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To Clinton City Council,

I am writing this letter to support the right of, any and every Clinton resident, that wishes to, to be able to keep chickens on their property. I have had to good fortune to be able to have some for the past 20+ years. My main reason in obtaining them was to be able to have some kind of self-sufficiency for my family. If there was economic or natural disaster at least I could have one source of food - or even bartering currency. I raise my chickens for eggs. If any emergency required it any meat source would have been my husband's job.

True there has been no natural disaster, but my family has experienced some severe ups and downs in personal health and finances. It has happened, more than once, that those eggs from those chickens, that are considered one example of our self-sufficiency, supplied our meals for several days as we labored from pay check to pay check.

The products from my own raised hens are better quality than I can afford in the grocery store, even in non-lean times. The eggs ~~are~~ larger, ~~they are~~ ^{feeling} more satisfying (1 home layed egg would keep my husband ^{fed} as opposed to 2-4 store bought ones. You can imagine the impact that change would have on his ~~own~~ health), I do not need to worry about foreign contaminants, as I am the one that takes care of quality control - not someone unknown, I know what goes in the birds and whether it is healthy or not.

I ask you to seriously consider not removing the ~~right~~ ^{restriction} for someone to be as self sufficient as possible. It takes only minimal space to raise healthy birds and receive healthy products. I am not requesting to run a buffalo herd - just enough birds to sustain my family and share with neighbors, who may be in need.

Thank-you for your time.

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