

To: CPSC@london.ca

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Dear Community and Protective Services Committee,

Response to the Coronavirus is creating threats to food security. According to Reuters, the [cost of eggs hit record levels](#)<sup>1</sup> in the USA. Millions of [chickens will be slaughtered](#)<sup>2</sup> because of staffing issues and millions of already [slaughtered chickens can't be sold](#)<sup>3</sup>. It is projected that [Billions of dollars of food](#)<sup>4</sup> could go to waste during the Coronavirus pandemic.

[Millions of Canadians go hungry](#)<sup>5</sup> already and this is shown to make them more susceptible to disease. Since food shortages would place many more at risk, I am requesting that you commence a one-year pilot project that allows citizens to raise their own chickens (not roosters) in order to secure a supply of eggs and hens for their own consumption.

The newly formed habits of hygiene and hand washing being used today to prevent the spread of the pandemic are more than adequate to cope with the objections that have been previously raised about chickens.

If (and more likely when) food shortages arrive it will be too late for those who are hungry and unable to feed themselves. Please take action immediately.

Sincerely,

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