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South Portland City Council
25 Cottage Road
South Portland, ME 04106

Dear Council Members,

I am the agriculture Extension Educator for Cumberland County. I have held this position since July 1987. My work involves planning, implementing, presenting and evaluating educational programming for farmers and gardeners in this county. I am also responsible for some statewide programming in poultry science.

I am writing in support of the new "poultry ordinance" in South Portland. I believe your decision to accept changes to the current ordinance is sound.

Your decision will help citizens (young and old) learn to appreciate where food comes from. It will also provide an opportunity for people to better understand the responsibilities and application of proper animal husbandry. I don't see any problems with the changes in the ordinance provided the proposed restrictions are met.

I am available for information and educational support related to small scale poultry production

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard J Brzozowski'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dr. Richard J Brzozowski
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