**Sample Letter to Mayoral Candidates and MLAs**

**Instructions:**

**Customize** the script according to your personal experience! Who are you? How long have you lived in your municipality? Did you vote for the Mayor/City Councillors? **Leverage their civic responsibility to you as a voter.** Have you attended any actions regarding food security and/or food justice recently?

If you receive a response from a city councilor or the mayor, **please follow up with them**. Encourage them to hold their colleagues accountable and pressure them to act on behalf of their community.

**Draft Letter:**

To [name of municipal candidate],

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter, outlining the importance of local food security strategies. My name is **[name]** and I’m an engaged resident of **[municipality]**, BC. My local community matters to me, as it is where I have the opportunity to connect with neighbors, find support, and thrive alongside my friends and family.

Based on recent Canadian Census data, we understand that 1 in 10 BC households are food insecure, meaning they are unable to reliably access culturally relevant and nutritious food on a regular basis. Further, we understand that 1 in 6 children experience food insecurity within their household, meaning that this is seriously affecting the next generation of residents of our community. As a municipal leader, I turn to you to take action against the growing issue of food insecurity within our community.

As a resident here who firmly believes that everyone has the right to access food that is culturally relevant and nutritious, this is a top priority for me. I'm asking you to listen to this concern seriously and to do everything in your power to address it. Significant change is possible and significant change is necessary.

I will continue to follow up on the issue of food security throughout the lead-up to the October 15th municipal election, as well as beyond, as this is a serious issue for the health and wellbeing of my community.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your postal code]

[Your phone number and/or email address, if you want the candidate to contact you that way]