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TO: Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate

FROM: Washington State Conservation Commission

SUBJECT: *Urban Agriculture Opportunities and Barriers Study*
HB 1552 2023 Legislative Session

House Bill 1552 from the 2023 legislative session directed the Washington State Conservation Commission to conduct a study of urban agricultural opportunities and barriers in the state. House Bill 1552 was sponsored by Representatives Reeves, Ramel, Springer, Gregerson, Fosse, and Doglio.

The report includes an overview of the multiple benefits of urban agriculture and identifies pathways to address key challenges faced by urban farmers and gardeners. The report lays out five key areas of challenge and potential solutions, several project and program spotlights, and three case studies.

Key challenges addressed in the report include:

1. Land Access
2. Water Access
3. Networks & Community
4. Consumer Understanding & Market Access
5. Technical Assistance & Capacity Building

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