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September 12, 2000

Mr. Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harrisstown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Original: 2130

**RE: Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
7 Pa. Code § 21.24(d)
Amendments to Shelter Regulations – Repealing Rest Board Requirement and
Adding Vinyl Coated Wire Requirement
I.D. No. 2-132**

Dear Mr. Nyce:

By submission of the above proposed rulemaking, the Department of Agriculture is offering to revise the requirement in current Dog Law regulations, 7 Pa. Code § 21.24(d), regarding the housing of dogs in primary enclosures. It is my understanding that the revisions are intended to make Pennsylvania's regulations consistent with changes recently made in Federal regulations (9CFR3.6) and that a committee of the Dog Law Advisory Board met to make recommendations.

Based on the letters we have both received, it has become apparent that a specific consensus of the "rest board committee" was not met prior to submission of these proposed regulations, despite information to the contrary indicated in the department's analysis of the proposed regulation. Therefore, I urge you to take into consideration the comments submitted by the interested parties. I am certain there was merely a miscommunication and that the department intends to make the changes which would sufficiently and appropriately protect the health of dogs.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Bunt, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond Bunt, Jr., Chairman
Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

cc: Mr. Richard Burd

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