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Hon. Arthur Coccodrilli  
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Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

As Chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, I welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Dog Law regulation. Revising the regulation was a massive undertaking, and I was favorably impressed by the testimony offered by the Department of Agriculture at the committee's recent public hearing.

Over the last several weeks, however, I received thousands of comments on the regulation. Although many were favorable, others provided thoughtful insights about the potential for harm if the regulation were adopted as proposed.

Of particular note are sporting dog enthusiasts who expressed concern that the regulation would impair their ability to field trial and train sporting dogs. Through the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and Sporting Dog Defense Coalition, members believe greater flexibility should be reflected in the proposed license, dog cage and quarters, outdoor shelter and exercise requirements.

As you know, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) will be meeting on the proposed regulation in the near future. I trust the commissioners will find the views of the sporting dog community persuasive and incorporate substantive recommendations to the Department of Agriculture regarding the potential difficulties in compliance and enforcement if the final form regulation remains unchanged.

As always, I look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

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