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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Amy Frankenstein and I reside in West Chester, PA. I am writing to you to comment on the impending Pennsylvania Kennel Regulation changes. I recently moved to Pennsylvania where I have become involved in Agility Training with one of my dachshunds. This has been a great way for me to meet others that love their dogs like I love mine. Several dog owners that I have met are "hobby" and "show" breeders that are in it for the love of the breed and the joy their dogs have given them. They as do I, abhor the puppy mills that are present in many of the rural areas of the state. I believe that the proposed changes will have a detrimental effect on these breeders and will not even touch those that the legislation is intended to effect.

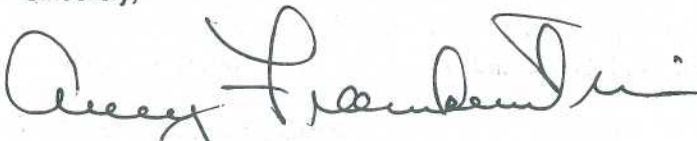
I would hope that you will review this legislation carefully no matter what the "party line" of the special interest groups, who proselytizes that animals are better dead than caged, is. Their motives are questionable and drastic at best and should not be allowed to derail the hobby and show breeders that care immensely for their dogs.

There is no scientific basis for the rigid engineering standards specified in the legislation. And mandating the wholesale renovation and/or rebuilding of facilities of many of the kennels which already are in compliance with current state laws would be prohibitive and have no basis for accepted canine husbandry.

Many hobby breeders and owners of small breed dogs maintain their dogs in their residences and provide conditions of care far superior to those conditions required by the proposed new standards. These people would not be able to comply with the new rigid commercial kennel standards. This is ridiculous. These people are not the ones responsible for the inhumane treatment of dogs.

I urge the withdrawal of this proposal. If the Bureau has conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced, why not apply your enhanced enforcement program first to determine if it will prevent the inhumane treatment of canines before passing this laundry list of ideas that has no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices.

Sincerely,



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