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**Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to you with sincere concerns over the proposed changes to the Pa Dog Law Enforcement [36 Pa.B. 7596].

I have read the Pennsylvania Bulletin regarding proposed rule making for the Department of Agriculture on the proposed changes.

First of all, in reading the proposed changes there is absolutely no way of knowing what the proposed changes are and how they will affect me a small breeder of high quality and well cared for purebred dogs in Jefferson County, Pa. As of right now, I do own, harbor, shelter, sell or give away, less than 26 dogs of varying age in any calendar year. Will these proposed changes affect me? I am a small hobby breeder, the wording of "temporary housing" sounds like I would have to comply with all of the changes and become a kennel. My dogs are part of my family, they enjoy all of the luxury of my home. Does this mean, I will need to build a shelter, place my dogs away from me and my family? How absurd! Does this mean I will have to open my home to inspections? How will I comply with all of the commercial kennel standards? Get real!

I would think that your department would be far better off to enforce the laws already in existence! It is not I that am abusing my animals! Ask my Veterinarian, I spend considerable amounts of money for my pets upkeep and well being!

The money spent on these proposed changes would be far better spent offering free or low cost spaying and neutering and educational programs and enforcing current laws.

I do not agree with the new regulatory changes, I find them un warranted, cumbersome, unenforceable and will not improve the lives of my dogs! This law would force more dogs into kennels, on to the streets and would serve no beneficial purpose in my circumstance.

Make no mistake, I oppose the changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Law! The money and efforts of your agency would be better spent enforcing your current laws and prosecution of those who are currently found in violation.

Sincerely,



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