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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pa. Dept. of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110 -

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Gail Jacobs and I am writing on behalf of myself as an owner and in part as a member of Laurels Highlands Kennel Assn.

I am writing to comment on the proposed regulations to Dog Law Enforcement 36 Pa.B. 7596. I agree that those who maintain substandard kennels or "puppy mills" should be not be tolerated. But is this an issue of regulation or enforcement? Why must those who maintain kennels inside their homes & care for them (allowing those puppies to become the kind of dog to be a show animal or a family pet) be reprimanded for what these "puppy mill" kennels are doing? Don't restrict their licenses. They will just register under someone else in the family using their name. Restrict the premises. Many Many of those who run "puppy mills"

would not be able to move & would therefore have
to cease operations. Surely, if you want to eliminate
that problem it is better enforcement, not regulations that
would be their demise. The new board the Governor has
established consists of people who do not understand or have
any true knowledge about the business as a whole. Why
would you not have "big knowledgeable" professional people
who have a working knowledge of the profession who can
make good recommendations for feasible changes in
regulations. Many of the current proposed regulations are
impracticable & costly and would not serve to improve
their ~~(or the dogs)~~ ~~of~~ quality of life.

Sincerely,

John M. Jordan