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Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

As a lover of all animals, I am very pleased about the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis.

The new regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, will greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs living in the commercial breeding kennels. The breeders who oppose the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. These are the breeders who should be out of the business if they decide not to support or comply with the new regulations. The issue is the health of the dogs, not the money in the breeder's - or dog registry's - pocket.

It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental balance. These dogs deserve humane treatment just like all living beings.

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the new regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered our state to such a degree that we're known as the 'Puppy Mill Capital' of the east.

Sincerely,

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