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Dear Ms. Bender,

I have been a member and a Board member of the Laurel Highlands Kennel Association in W. Pa for two decades. I am not now nor have I ever been a breeder. However, I am a part of this very much respected organization because I want to further the welfare of the pure-bred dog. By the way, I have been a (pure-bred) Coordinator for pure-bred RESCUE for years.

The point I wish to make is that I am very concerned about the proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations issued on 12/16/06. The "puppy mill breeders" are not going to further the essence of the pure-bred dog, for they do not study the genetics of the sire and dam (dog and bitch), they do not nurture the pregnant bitch in a home full of love and concern, they do not treat the puppies as members of a family.

I have been friends with many, reputable breeders over a 40 year span. I know how they treat their beloved animals and I hate to think that they will be the underdogs (no pun intended) if these laws are passed.

I was a founding member of a humane society animal shelter and of a Rescue Committee for pure-bred dogs and cats. I have seen the burden put on ^(greedy) breeders whose animals are put into the "wrong" household. I have seen puppy-mill pure-breds come into a shelter, adopted to families who cannot cope with their ^(due to the pairing of the wrong genetics) terrible temperaments — I have seen the unfairness of greed vs. true love of the breed; and I do hope that whatever laws are enforced, they are done because of wisdom, not ignorance.

Sincerely yours,
Ceelia Mackey