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There is a war in Iraq, drive by shootings in every major city and kids are bringing guns to school right here in my own neighborhood. The globe is warming, the environment is going to hell, North Korea is threatening to destroy the world just because they can... With so much misery in this world people ask me why I care so much about animals.

Because I think it is a good start. This world needs more compassion. Plain and simple, we need to teach our children to be more loving and respectful of others. We need to consider our neighbor before jumping to satisfy our own needs. We need to put life and love above money on our list of priorities and we need to consider how our actions affect others and the world we live in.

Pennsylvania has a chance to show compassion. Pennsylvania has the opportunity to put love and consideration above the almighty dollar and set an example for the rest of the country. We need to follow through and set these laws into motion.

The new dog regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, are practical, enforceable, and will greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs living in the commercial breeding kennels. Moreover, those breeders opposing the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. Clearly, these are the breeders who should be out of the business.

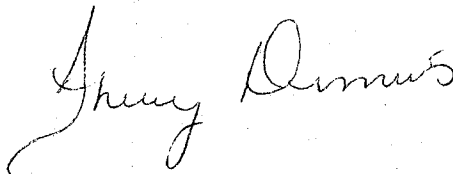
I know very well the conditions in the puppy mills and I know what is happening to the dogs that are bred to leave the mill and those that must stay. Both the health and the temperament of the dog are affected, and what is it doing to the person perpetuating this horrible industry? I wonder how a human can be so cold and callous. I wonder how the broker chooses the dog to go to the store, the lab, or be left behind and I wonder what affect this has on a person's soul.

For the dogs of PA and the people I say YES to the changes. I'd also like to see stronger penalties for animal abuse. Hopefully by encouraging better treatment of animals we will make this a better world.

Thanks so much,

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