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Dear Ms. Bender,

As a person who has both a personal kennel license for my own dogs as well as one who has a rescue kennel license here in this state for many years I feel I qualify to speak intelligently on the issues surrounding the new state dog laws proposed. I have hands on experience with both sides of the issues for many years. I also wrote for an international dog magazine publisher for several years and had a monthly column in their Pom Reader Magazine as well as having had articles published in Top Knotch Toys, Show Sight just to name a few...therefore having a perspective of broader than average.

First of all it is very clear to the educated that the movement behind this new dog law proposal is politically backed. Frighteningly as narrow minded as the movement that invaded Europe during World War 2. Many are not even knowledgeable that good laws already exist in this state and that they themselves are and have been breaking our laws in their own "rescue" practices daily by not having a state license themselves to do rescue and they ALL use the excuse about not having 25 dogs at once in their house yet they get van loads every other weekend in of 5-10 sometimes more...none of them can count nor comprehend the term "calendar year". Nor are they aware that laws exist about not cramming 5 full grown beagles into a Vari Kennel 200 to drive from Kentucky to Pennsylvania without vaccinations or health certificates or put baby puppies in the back of a pick up truck in November to come to Pennsylvania and when they arrived some frozen to death the rescue transporter states "so what if some died this is war and we saved a lot of others", then she marched on Harrisburg that following spring. I witnessed this action of a Hazelton woman who transports every weekend van loads into our state and NOTHING has ever been done to her and our governor listens to idiots just like her who have basements full of caged dogs they pulled from shelters and cant let outside because the neighbors will find out.

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**This state full of unlicensed rescuers with multiple dogs kept in cages in the peoples house because the housing communities don't allow such activities so its done on the sly. I witnessed much of it over the past 7yrs and quite frankly many of their homes are dirtier than any cow barn Ive been in,, I have seen rescuers homes that your eyes burn when you enter from the cat urine ,carpets stained from animal potty accidents, the dog feces are smeared on their couches and their bedrooms are deplorably filthy and many have cages in their bedrooms as well..Ask to use their bathroom and you wont want to sit on the seat...when transporting they refuse to feed and water the animals because then the animals will relieve themselves in their crates and they will have to ride with that "smell"...these are the people our governor is reacting to?? . ..people who live like that and say we havent ample law in this state...More importantly a MORAL law should exist within a human entity to not transport nor harbor animals in such conditions....or perhaps if more just recognized the fact that we already have ample laws in place but rather we need more to ABIDE by them and we need to start by seeing to it that they too must abide by them.**

**I have witnessed some pretty cruel things that some of the very women who march on your capitol to push for the anti puppy mill movement themselves do and think they are doing nothing wrong.**

**Our governor is a very limited man if he is foolish enough to listen to the rubbish that comes out of these idiots mouthes.**

**Lets see ALL RESCUES and ANYONE WHO BREEDS have to be licensed and inspected just as they are pushing for the so called puppy mill breeders to be and then lets see whose mouthes are flapping after that .**

**I also feel I need to point out to you that the nucleus of the movement began back in the late 90s with a Nebraska shelter whose daughter is an attorney who had a brainstorm to give birth to this movement...they changed their shelter name to Hearts United for Animals and launched a national campaign from Nebraska. Which is a state in the heart of this nations TRUE puppy mill country as it is surrounded by Kansas Missouri and Oklahoma... Realizing that the concentration of MONEY in this nation is located in the northeastern seaboard of which**

**Pennsylvania is the largest agriculture state and having licensed easily traced breeding facilities of all types the daughter set up her operation here in southern Pennsylvania and began her anti puppy mill campaign.(Of which they still use pictures from 10yrs ago as examples of the Pa. mills)The BIG money started to roll in and the movement grew. While creating turmoil in our state that already has solid laws in place she overlooked and continues to overlook the fact that New York, New Jersey ,Ohio, Delaware, Maryland...all have NO laws qualifying the strict standard of laws Pennsylvania already has in place. We have the toughest laws in the northeastern tier plus the ONLY inspection system in place . However there would be NO vast sums of money donated to HUA "IF " this fact was ever acknowledged and therefore the marches on your capitol and all the propaganda surrounding this which brings them money also to operate...simply would not exist...and back to Nebraska they would have been where they cant get the kind of money they can out here. But they are politically very heavily connected.**

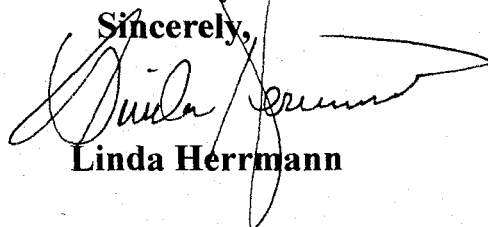
**So Ms. Bender I hope that I have pointed out a few facts that IM sure you personally are already aware of but may need public opinion to be able to voice such.**

**I have not been aware of the dates of the public meetings in Harrisburg that those of us who already operate licenses under our state laws can come to and voice our opinions at or I would have been there ...if there is another meeting at which those of us law abiding state kennel license owners who pay the revenue yearly which helps to keep the bureau in existence are allowed to attend I would certainly take the time to drive to Harrisburg for the day if I were allowed to speak up.**

**In summary: We already have good strict laws in place. We simply don't have enough people in rescue or breeding that morally care to abide by them....or in some cases acknowledge their existence.**

**Thank you for taking the time to read my letter**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Herrmann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Linda Herrmann**