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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I want to express my support for the proposed changes in regulations to the current Dog Law of Pennsylvania.

May I suggest that the regulation involving the Secretary of Agriculture revoking kennel licenses for past animal cruelty offenders be a permanent license revocation. I strongly support the doubling of the size of kennel cages, and also would like to suggest widening the required exercise time to at least one hour per day, being that the other 23 hours are spent caged.

I wonder if you would be able to initiate the training of "volunteer" dog wardens to alleviate the stated shortage?

In any case, you have my full support on the increased regulations. I hope the AKC's and Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs' lack of support have little weight in the decision to put them into place.

Thank you for your efforts to improve the lives of our companions and crack down on "puppy mills" in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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