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Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

As licensed Pennsylvania Kennel owners since 1999, we agree with the evaluation by Nina Schaefer, President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc., of the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations issued on December 16, 2006, as follows:

We believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

The Bureau has tacitly conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced. If, after implementing its recently announced enhanced enforcement program, the Bureau finds it is still unable to prevent inhumane treatment of dogs because of specific deficiencies in the existing regulations, it should cite these specific deficiencies and propose changes based on them. The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. We urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

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