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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing regarding the proposed regulations on the PA dog law of 12/16/2006. Thank you very much for your concern for our beloved pets. I am a resident of Mechanicsburg, PA and I am very active in dog training and dog shows. I am the proud owner of three dogs and 2 cats and they make my life worthwhile.

With that said I would however like you to know that I am concerned about some of the proposals in the new law and hope all involved can work together to modify it to benefit all the people and pets it will concern.

While I am in total agreement that the inhumane puppy mills need to be shut down and or strictly regulated, I am concerned how such strict, yet necessary, rules will affect others in the business. I have listed a few of those concerns below.

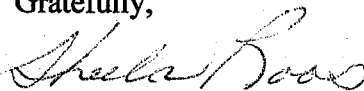
It seems unfair to ask smaller breeders, who house their dogs in their home, who also obey the current laws, to comply with the new rigid commercial kennel standards. The new requirements would force many responsible and reputable hobby and show breeders to go out of business because they would not be able to commit to the rebuilding of their current facilities. That in it self would be a catastrophe. This in no way suggests that they should not be held to high standards but not to the same magnitude as commercial breeders.

I am not sure why you think it is not good to socialize dogs with other dogs of a different size. This just does not make sense to anyone that has pets etc. What about training practices?

How do you propose to verify the record keeping with regard to exercise and cleaning etc.?

Again, I so appreciate the effort that you have put forth and want to thank you again for your concern. Hopefully, everyone can work together so that all involved will benefit and our beloved animals will be healthy and safe. Please reconsider your proposed law and amend it to take into consideration the many very good breeders that will be adversely affected by this.

Gratefully,


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