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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron St
Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Sandy Gordon. I live in Lititz with my husband, daughter, and three Labrador retrievers.

As an owner of dogs, and one who truly appreciates the joy, love, and companionship that I share with my dogs, I am grateful for what the Bureau of Dog Law is proposing as new and amended kennel regulations.

My husband is a Building Inspector/Code Official for several municipalities in Lancaster County and can attest first hand to some of the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels in the county.

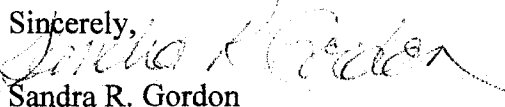
I feel that the proposed regulation amendments will go a long way toward protecting the health and well being of dogs in our local commercial kennels. I understand, though, that one of my personal main concerns is not included in the present amendment. That is the issue of permanent tethering not being considered as an unacceptable method of primary containment. If that cannot be amended at this time, I hope that it will be considered in the near future.

Both my husband and I feel that many of those running "puppy mills" are doing so strictly as a business with no long term consideration for the welfare of the animals or the interests of those who purchase them.

I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations. The passage of these regulations will help make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast."

Thank you!

Sincerely,


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