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Dear Ms. Bender,

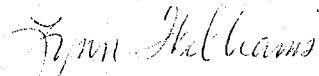
I am writing about the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Rules & Regulations. Although I appreciate the attempt to regulate irresponsible "puppy mill" dog breeders, I am very concerned about the negative impact the changes will have on the hobby breeder. As a dog lover, I rely on private breeders as a source for finding a healthy pet. If the new changes are passed it will be almost impossible for private, small breeders to comply, thereby forcing them out of business. This will have a trickle-down effect that may, in the end, provide a source for the unscrupulous breeders we all hope to eliminate.

Additionally, these changes would place unreasonable constraints on groups such as breed rescue organizations, who may temporarily need to house a large number of dogs. I would hate to think that such groups would be unable to continue their vital work because of government regulations.

It is my hope that the proposed changes will not be passed and that discussion can continue on the subject, in the hopes that more reasonable proposals can be created.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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