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It's with a very sad heart I write this. I am appalled how a Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement can abide by something as proposed. We all know that puppies raised in home environment, are much better prepared for life, than dogs in a kennel. All puppies should be raised in a home environment, but if not possible, to very close standards. Some breeds just don't do well if they are separated from family or raised far from family life. How do you expect puppies/dogs to adjust to a regular family situation, if all they have seen in their life are 3 walls, a wire barrier with a cement floor both outside and inside. They have NEVER touched grass, so important in their life. Have you ever raised any dogs yourself? Do you have any dogs of your own? Then you should know what dogs like and dislike. They like/want to be with YOU, they don't want to be kept away from you. They like to be out on grass, they like to eat grass, they like to roll on grass, they like to run on grass, **THEY LIKE GRASS.** How a Bureau can create new rules, which seems taken out of nowhere, I just don't understand.

I agree there are problems with puppy mills and puppy producers in Pennsylvania. They will possibly adhere to your rules and continue to produce puppies, without any concern of the best for the mother and the puppies. That is where the Bureau should intervene. Most private small scale breeders do an outstanding work, but the large producers have only one goal in mind, which is to make money. The one's suffering are the dogs and the puppy buyers, that most of the time have no idea what is going on or how puppies should be raised or how dogs should be kept. They many times think the bigger the better. Why don't you turn your energy to educate puppy buyers what to look for when buying a puppy and have your inspectors concentrate their energy on visits to places you know don't have acceptable standards. **DO NOT** make all good breeders pay a price for low standard breeders' behavior, when high standard breeders are very concerned what is the best for both the individual dogs and the breed in question. There are other way's to make low standard breeder's adhere to rules and regulations.

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