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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing with concerns of the new proposals that the state of Pennsylvania wants to put into place for state licensed dog kennels. These proposals will put licensed facilities out of business. After the licensed facilities are not in business, this will increase non-licensed backyard breeders. The state will have no control over the non-licensed breeders. The puppies will not be properly taken care of the way the licensed breeders are required to do by the present state regulations. The puppies will not be vaccinated or wormed properly and the guarantee given with the non-licensed puppies will not be upheld.

Also, the demand for puppies is on the increase. The new proposal will put the puppy industry into the Black Market. The high demand will lead to dogs and puppies living in adverse conditions. The state will not know anything about these non-licensed breeders. Therefore, no inspections can be made of these facilities.

One suggestion that I have is putting a license number and tax identification number with every public advertisement. By putting these numbers on the advertisements, the buyer of the puppies will know that they are buying from a Pennsylvania state licensed facility. This will eliminate non-licensed breeders from placing a public advertisement.

In closing, my family and I have spent our life saving based on Pennsylvania state regulations. In good faith, we have invested in the State of Pennsylvania to make a successful business. Changing the regulations, is not the right way to keep licensed facilities in business. By changing the system now will hurt many families in the state.

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