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Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms Bender,

I am writing to oppose the proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations. While I believe their purpose is to eliminate "puppy mills" in the state, I feel that these new changes will ultimately hurt Class 1 kennels, their dogs, and the families who want a good-tempered, home-raised dogs.

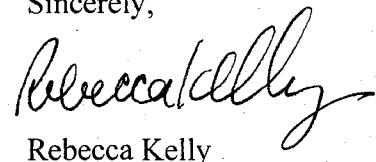
The proposed changes, especially concerning the "establishment", make small breeders who use their home as all or part of their kennel unable to comply with this new law. Dogs raised in the home are much better adjusted than dogs raised in industrial environments, yet the changes require all kennels to be industrial and commercial.

I got my puppy from a small breeder who uses her home to raise her dogs. I feel that my dog was raised to the highest standards!! From birth, my puppy was raised in an environment that was a happy home. He was taken outside to potty on the grass regularly, exposed to normal sights and sounds of the home, and given the opportunity to socialize with people as well as other dogs. It is imperative that these small breeders be able to continue with their good work of raising good-tempered dogs.

There are other amendments that concern me as well, such as Section 21.41 that requires kennels to keep records on food, water, sanitation, and exercise habits. This will increase paperwork so much that the small breeder could not comply.

I believe these proposed amendments will put Class 1 breeders out of "business." (I quote business because most of them are not in business but do it for the love of dogs.) I still want the choice of buying my companion dog from a small, reputable breeder and therefore I opposed these amendments.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Kelly