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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 12:21 PM**To:** mabender@state.pa.usINDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** proposed dog laws

I read your proposed new dog laws regarding puppy mills and kennels. I think these are wonderful. Its about time that the rules are stiffened and some of the loop holes these people get through are going to be closed.

In the sunday news, the 28th, Mr Brandt says you are treating these dogs like they are human. These puppies are going to become a part of someone's family and yes they are treated like humans. These are our "kids" when our children leave the nest. These dogs are our friends, our companions. Nina Schaefer states these laws about crate size are outrageous, how would she like to be crammed into a space and forced to walk on wire and yes the drainage rule, its about time. I know my dog sleeps with his legs straight out and he's not dead. My sisters dog often liked to sleep with her legs straight up in the air, often using the wall to keep her in this position, she wasnt dead. If the plain people cant make a living with out puppy mills then they need to find another source of income. The amount of money they are making from these dogs is outrageous. They all need to step up to the plate and stop ripping the public off. These dogs are nothing to them except money.

Once again I know of someone who bought a dog from the former Puppy Love Kennels and Joyce Stoltzfus. They have spent thousands of dollars on this dog. They dont want to give the dog back to her because they have become attatched. The vet cant seem to find out what is wrong with it. The person went to an amish farm and didnt like the treatment of the dog nor of the living conditions so she left and went to Joyce. Turns out Joyce got the dog from the same amishman and the person ended up paying more for the dog. This woman needs to be put out of business. She always gets through the loop holes. And Joyce is a friend of this womans mom!!!

I know the answer is to not buy from these people and I tell everyone I know not to. Why cant there be a limit on how many breeds they offer at one time? Some of them offer 20 or more breeds of puppies. Why not limit them to five breeds and so many dogs at once? There is no reason why someone needs to breed 50 different types. This is obviously just a cash crop to them. Thats why the plain people get into it.

Just keep up the good work. If they want to be in the breeding business then they need to follow the rules. If they cant afford to upgrade their business (which I think is just a sob story for some to get them out of trouble) then find another cash crop.

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Karen Royer, Willow ST.

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