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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn. Ms. Mary Bender
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2301 North Cameron St.
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am an owner of two female Labrador Retrievers, both of whom at separate times in the last 10 years have produced a litter of healthy puppies. The litters were whelped in my home, raised and socialized in the home. All the puppies were placed in private homes, not pet stores, and through periodical communications are a fine healthy example of the Labrador breed.

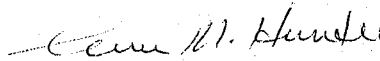
It has been brought to my attention that changes are being made to the current PA Dog Law Regulations. These changes raise many questions to the dog owners such as me.

For instance, it would be impossible, impracticable, and unreasonable to expect me to construct a kennel to raise an occasional litter of puppies that remain with me for 8 weeks. The dog owners who whelp puppies in their own homes are the people who can be trusted with good health practices for both the bitch and puppies. To penalize these breeders will only add fuel to the Puppy Mills and pet stores, for where else can a buyer turn? It's those locations that need to be more closely supervised.

I think these changes are missing the point. The meaningful regulations are already in place. It's the enforcement of them that needs a larger budget to support the agents to supervise the offenders.

Please reconsider the amendments to the PA Dog Law Regulations and **withdraw** the proposal.

Sincerely,



Ann M. Hunter, President
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