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Dear Ms. Bender

My name is Vickie Zeheing.
I reside at 1349 Kuhn Rd, Boiling Springs,
PA.

I have always had dogs in one way or another ever since I was a little girl. From mixed breeds when I was small to a pure bred Welsh Corgi when I became a teenager. After I married we had Dobermans, then later, I began to show and breed Basset Hounds. Today, I own an altered male Basset and am seeking a potential show bitch to continue to breed quality puppies for the show ring and well bred companions. I am not the problem you need to prevent but the proposals of Governor Rendell, if put into law will do exactly that.

Let me also state that I am highly disappointed in the Governor's decisions not to meet with any of the representatives from the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs but will meet with other "organizations" whose

ideas are not in the best interests of dogs.

I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated by anyone. Puppy Mills are guilty of these situations as well as a few individual dog owners, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have beneficial outcomes if adopted.

Many are impractical, burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will NOT improve the quality of life for dogs in these situations.

I find fault with many of the listed proposals.

① The definition of "Temporary Housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby/show breeders (ME) to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate.

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program, the Bureau find it is still unable to prevent inhumane treatment of dogs because of specific deficiencies in the existing regulations, it should cite these specific deficiencies and propose changes based on them.

The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices.

I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely Yours,
Vickie A. Lehning