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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett
14th Floor Harristown 2
333 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly. *A hobby kennel is not a business - I have sacrificed much to do what I consider a love*
These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

The proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs. *of breeding fine poodles + making champions.*
My dogs live in my home & I have spent 50,000 for their comfort and = have always been to their good.
Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each. *My dogs are not kennel dogs - TOY BREEDS WOULD DIE AT 50° HORRIBLE IDEA.*

The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals. *Once again personal freedom is threatened.*

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Enforce the laws we have with honest workers + get rid of puppy mills.
I could never comply with proposed new laws it's against the hobby breeders + unfair to dogs as well.
Pauline Branca owner of 9 fine toy poodles 3 are Champions, total I have made 11 Champions in my chosen hobby & have changed peoples lives by placing a sound healthy toy poodle in their arms to love & care for. I also work for poodle research.