

Miles Of Dachsunds  
RR 1 Box 18  
Spring Creek, PA 16436

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January 23, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

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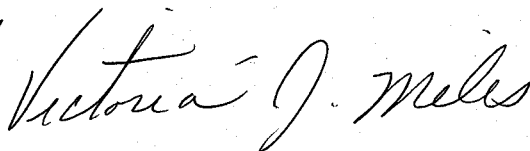
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The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,



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REVIEW COMMISSION

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Shira Lee Barkon  
1055 W. Strasburg Road  
West Chester, PA 19382

January 17, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing regarding the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I have been involved with dogs and many different dog activities for many years. I was a founding "mother" of our breed rescue group and have been a board member of our regional breed club.

I vigorously agree that any sort of inhumane kennel conditions should never be tolerated. I do not agree, however, that many of the proposed regulatory changes are necessary and in fact would not have a beneficial result should they be adopted. It appears that many of these changes would in no way improve the quality of life for dogs that are housed in such kennels, and would be impractical and burdensome, in addition to being costly and difficult to enforce.

Small breeders and dog owners who house their dogs in their own residential premises, generally provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards. These same dog guardians would certainly be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. I am certain it is not the intent of these new regulations, but the outcome could be that pet ownership would not even be a possibility for most Pennsylvania citizens!

There just seems to be no hard science or accepted animal husbandry standards that have served as the basis for the amended space and exercise requirements, My experience with training and living with dogs rebels at the proposals for housing and social interactions of dogs. They are just so contrary to current canine training and observation, which is moving toward a more fluid and gentle approach.

Perhaps the better approach might be to more consistently enforce the current regulations. The current proposal seems to be a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. Please reconsider this proposal as it aims more at the small family kennel and less at the real problem, puppy mills.

Sincerely,  
Shira Lee Barkon



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Although, perhaps, well intentioned, the proposed amendments of December 16, 2006 to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations greatly concern me.

I agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, however, I emphatically disagree with the proposed regulatory changes.

I believe these changes are impractical, will create a great burden from a financial standpoint, will not be enforceable and, most importantly, will not improve the quality of the lives of the dogs entrusted to the aforementioned, ethical breeders and boarding kennels.

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Sincerely,



Bonita C. Sukus

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Sincerely,

*Gloria E. Treew*  
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*Katy M. O'Hora*  
KATY M. O'HORA

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Ms. Mary Bender  
 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
 2301 North Cameron Street  
 Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

The newly proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations have been brought to my attention. As the owner of ( a / several ) companion dog (s), I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed changes.

I purchased my dog directly from a reputable breeder, not a pet shop or large-scale commercial kennel, because I wanted the best chance at getting a healthy dog with a good temperament. I wanted to know that my puppy had been exposed to a variety of normal household situations and was prepared to live the life of a family companion. By buying directly from a breeder, I was able to see the conditions in which my puppy was raised.

The proposed changes, particularly those applying to "Kennels- Primary Enclosures", are of particular concern to me. It is my understanding that in these proposed changes, if a cumulative total of 26 dogs are housed at "the Establishment" during a calendar year, then licensed breeders will be required to have housing facilities that comply with the specifications outlined in the proposed changes. Small scale breeders who fall into the class 1 designation, would no longer be able to maintain, breed, whelp or raise their dogs within their homes. These breeders, who strive to produce dogs which are true to breed type, of good temperament, and, inasmuch as possible, free from genetic disorders, would be forced to either restrict their numbers or build facilities to meet the standards.

I credit my dog's good temperament to thoughtful breeding and to the love and attention that my breeder gave my puppy. Most importantly, this included exposure to everyday sights and sounds, such as:

- 1) My puppy was taken outside to potty on grass regularly. This is of importance to me, as it helped with the housebreaking process.
- 2) In a home situation, my puppy was exposed to different surfaces and noises such as kitchen appliances, television and other noises that occur in my home.
- 3) My puppy was given opportunity to interact with other dogs, helping with social skills needed to meet other dogs we come in contact with.

While I applaud the efforts to improve the living conditions for the dogs and puppies being raised in commercial facilities, I find it a great disservice to the reputable breeder, who standards far surpass in many ways, what these proposed amendments mandate. I, for one, want the choice to buy from a small scale, reputable breeder, and oppose these amendments.

Sincerely,

*Fiona Albarani*

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Mrs. Sandra Nelson  
17126 Avon Townline Rd.  
Brodhead, Wis. 53520

Dear Ms. Bender:

As a dog lover and an animal advocate, I applaud the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis. Most of these puppy mills are run by Amish and I find it disgusting that they say they are so religious and God fearing and then treat these helpless animals so inhumanely .

The new regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, are practical, enforceable and will greatly improve the quality of life for these poor helpless creatures living in the commercial breeding kennels. Moreover, those breeders opposing the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. Clearly, these are the breeders who should be out of the business should they choose not to support or comply with the new regulations; the issue is the health of the dogs-not the money in the breeder's-or dog registry's-pocket.

It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental balance.

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the new regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered your state to such a degree that you are known as the "Puppy Mill Capital" of the east. This is known all over the United States.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Sandra Nelson*

Sandra Nelson

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4157 Durham Road  
Ottsville, PA 18942  
January 8, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a Boston Terrier enthusiast for over 25 years and very involved in 2 all breed clubs and also a specialty club. My bostons are considered an integral part of the family.

I am writing to express my concern on the proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations issued on Dec.18, 2006. I agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions are intolerable, but do not agree that all of the proposed regulatory changes are needed or have beneficial results if adopted.

Problems with the proposal as I see it are:

1. Definition of 'temporary housing' would require great numbers of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which there is no reason to regulate. My dog's health is monitored as would a human family member. Many expensive tests are performed for health like eye certifications and blood work.
2. The obligations of owners of 'temporary housing' which are subject to inspection by new proposal are not clear or definitive.
3. The small breeder like myself who only breeds to better the breed and when I need a new show dog, provide far superior conditions than required by the new law.

The above is a small list of deficiencies I see with this law, which I am having trouble finding in its entirety. I urge this proposal be withdrawn and the proposal be rethought. Allow the PA Dog Federation and the AKC officials to become involved in helping to solve the problem of puppy mills. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Denice Van Driesen

Cc: Senator Robert C. Wonderling  
Representative Marguerite Quinn

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I have been involved in responsible dog ownership for over 30 years. I am an officer in a specialty club and member of 2 all breed clubs. I have been a part of canine education and training with these clubs. My dogs are considered family members and reside in the home with me.

This letter is written due to the concern I have over the proposed changes which are nebulous and will have a negative impact on the hobby breeders who take good care of their dogs, unlike the puppy mills which have precedence for substandard practices regarding dog care.

Problems with the proposal as I see it are:

1. Smaller breeders and dog owners who keep their dogs in the home, and provide conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new law, would be unable to comply with the rigid kennel restrictions.
2. Record keeping requirements with regard to exercise, cleaning and other aspects of kennel care are burdensome and serve not useful purpose, due to inability to verify accuracy.

I also agree with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the PA Federation of Dog Clubs. You need to involve both this organization, as well as The American Kennel Club. Substandard care by Puppy Mills is definitely an area of dog care, that needs to be addressed, but rules for those places that have 100's of dogs and puppies per year should not be rendered to those of us with our companion dogs. Your consideration would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
John Van Driesen

Cc: Senator Robert C. Wonderling  
Representative Marguerite Quinn

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 26, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,



Lori Jayne Rokosky  
211 Beechton Rd  
Brockway, PA 15824

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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January 19, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.


The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, 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.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

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Yours sincerely,

  
Tom Dishong  
1234 Flemming Summit Rd  
Commodore, PA 15729

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 26, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will 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.

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The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Happy Hill's Kennel  
Rd 1 Box 203 Monkey Wrench Rd  
Greensburg, PA 15601

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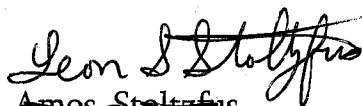
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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



~~Amos Stoltzfus~~  
120 Brick Church Rd  
Leola, PA 17540

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Elam Stoltzfus  
236 Cedar Hill Rd.  
Peach Bottom, PA 17563

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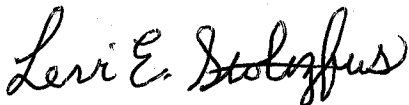
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Levi E. Stoltzfus  
187 W. Main Street  
Rebersburg, PA 16872

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Millwood Kennel  
346 Millwood Rd  
Gap, PA 17527

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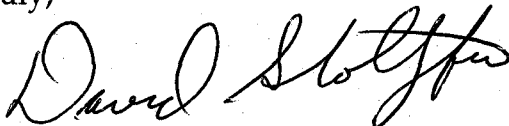
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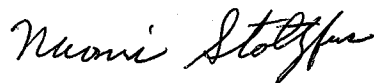
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Naomi Stoltzfus  
5381 Amish Road  
Gap, PA 17527

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IRRC

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

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January 26, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

The new proposal only permits a licensed kennel to buy from another licensed kennel. This is fraud for the following reasons:

1. Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.
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*Munro B. Ged*

Deer Hollow Kennel  
185 Truce Rd  
New Providence, PA 17560

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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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*Henry A. Solzgrus*

Chiques Roc Kennel  
1442 S. Garfield Rd  
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Creekside Kennel  
18424 Dry Run Rd West  
Spring Run, PA 17262

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Dalin Kennel  
900 Upper Stump Rd  
Chalfont, PA 18914

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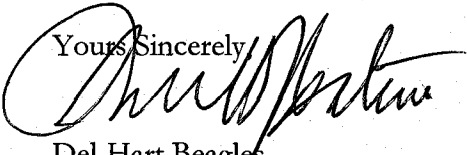
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Del-Hart Beagles  
Blue Lane PO Box 504  
Columbia, PA 17512

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*Daniel P. Esh*

Daniel P. Esh\*  
68 Clearview Rd  
Ronks, PA 17572

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Dice Valley Kennel  
771 Zimmerman Road  
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*Dishong's Puppies*

Dishong's Puppies Of Johnstown  
571 Coleman Ave.  
Johnstown, PA 15902

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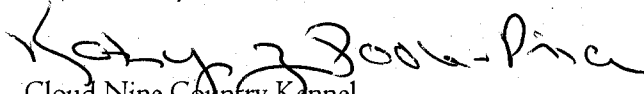
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Cloud Nine Country Kennel  
146 Hunter Forge Rd.  
Macungie, PA 18062

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*Belleville PA 17004*

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David Hutchinson  
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Christ B Lapp  
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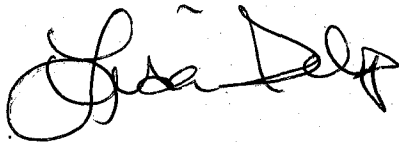
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Brookville, PA 15825

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E F Kennels  
168 Beiler Dr.  
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I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

*Agnes C. "Maggie" Toth*  
Dancing Winds Kennel  
2626 Oneida Valley rd  
Petroia, PA 16050

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

January 31, 2007

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

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*Tanner Dishong*

TannerDishong  
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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisstown 2  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 24, 2007

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The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,



Clyde Wenger  
529 North Erisman Road  
Manheim, PA 17545

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 24, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

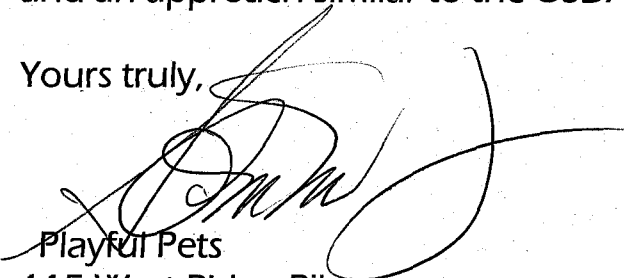
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The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

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Yours truly,

  
Playful Pets  
115 West Ridge Pike  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

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John Mark Stoltzfus  
186 Blank Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

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January 19, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

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The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

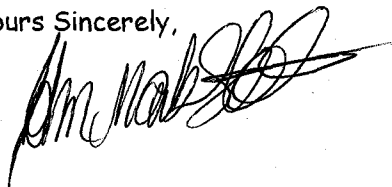
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



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David Branneman  
228 Coal Rd.  
Meyersdale, PA 15552

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January 31, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Sincerely,

*David Branneman*  
Arie B. Branneman

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Eli Brenneman, Jr.  
706 Davis Rd  
Salisbury, PA 15558

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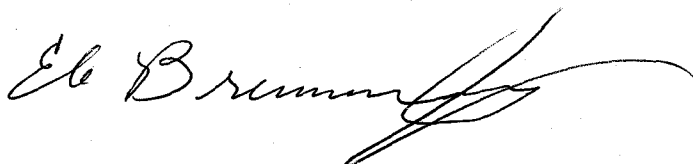
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*Dishong's Kennel  
1234 Flemming Summit Rd  
Commodore, PA 15729*

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January 11, 2007

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Sincerely,

*Tom and Debbie Dishong*

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**Henry U Stoltzfus**  
**1442 South Garfield Road**  
**Mount Joy, PA 17552**

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January 12, 2007

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333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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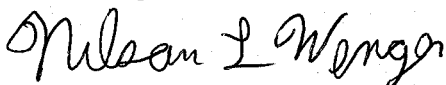
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Yours sincerely,



Nelson Wenger  
445 S. Fairmount Rd  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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**Enos King  
221 Old Dam Road  
Christiana, PA 17509**

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*Enos K. King Jr*

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*Brinlann Great Danes  
271 River Rd  
Auburn, PA 17922*

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January 31, 2007

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333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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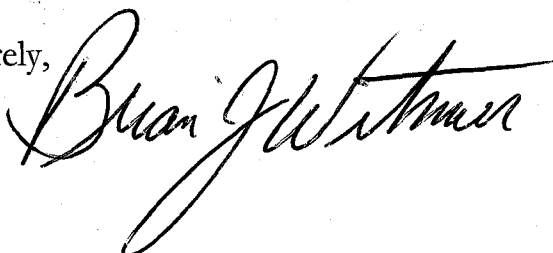
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Sincerely,



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Levi Brubaker  
704 Kaiser Run Rd  
Millmont, PA 17845

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Sincerely,

*L. Brubaker*

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Brookside Kennels  
2319 Brookside Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

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January 31, 2007

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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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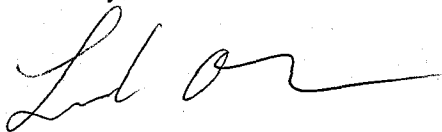
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January 22, 2007

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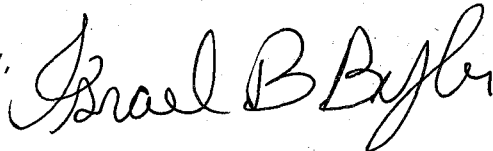
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Yours sincerely,



Walnut Grove Kennel  
107 Walnut Grove Lane  
Belleville, PA 17004

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 23, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

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The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Elmer S. Glick  
197 Quarry Road  
Leola, PA 17540

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Bresslers Foxhound Kennel  
187 Davis Rd  
Olanta, PA 16863

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January 31, 2007

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Sincerely, *Meara Bressler*

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**Kri-Del Kennel  
1750 Kinderhook Rd  
Columbia, PA 17512**

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January 26, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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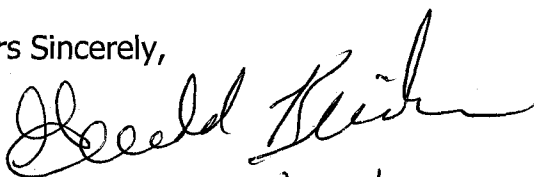
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Yours Sincerely,

  
Gerald Koeder

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Yours sincerely,



Weaverland Kennel  
1512 Weaverland Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519

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**Elias S. King**  
**329-A Centerville Rd**  
**Gordonville, PA 17529**

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*Elias S. King*

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Trudy Brubacker  
~~R.R. 1 Box 255~~ 439 PALLAS RD  
 Mount Pleasant Mills, PA 17853

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**Kathy Ayers**  
**RR 1 Box 547**  
**Ulster, PA 18850**

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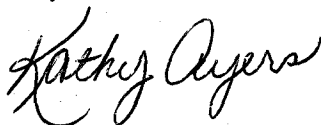
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Yours sincerely,

*David B. Beiler*

Whispering Pines Kennel  
12887 Sandy Mount Rd  
Orrstown, PA 17244

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 23, 2007

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Golden Touch Boarding Kennel  
34 Ralph Ave.  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 19, 2007

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I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

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Yours truly,

*Katie C. Peachey*

3520 East Back mtn. Rd.

Bellerive, PA

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290-A S. Kish St  
Belleville, PA 17004**

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Yours Sincerely,

*E. Sam S. Kanagy*  
*Nancy M. Kanagy*

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**290 A Kish St.**  
**Belleville, PA 17004**

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Yours Sincerely,

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*Mary M. Kanagy*

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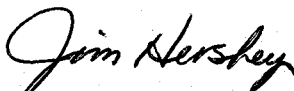
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Yours Sincerely,



Jim Hershey  
338 Sunnyburn Rd  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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Yours sincerely,

*Raymond Martin*

Raymond H. Martin  
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East Earl, PA 17519-9310

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5921 Plank Rd  
Narvon, PA 17555

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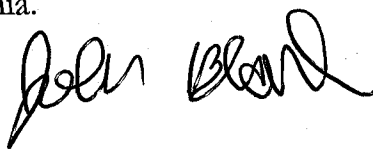
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*Brenda's Barkin Basement  
440 Henry Rd  
Rossiter, PA 15772*

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*Brenda C. Carl*

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Mahlon Brenneman  
706 Davis Rd  
Salisbury, PA 15558

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Wetland Kennel  
3032-A Lincoln Hwy  
Gordonville, PA 17529

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Rt 93 3455 Valmont Parkway  
Hasleton, PA 18202*

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Sincerely,



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Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 24, 2007

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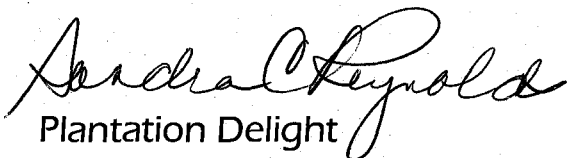
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Yours truly,



Plantation Delight  
404 Pennock Bridge Rd  
West Grove, PA 19390

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Yours truly,

*Lydia J. Peachey*  
 3530 E. Back ~~St.~~ Rd.  
 Bellville, Pa. 17004

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2317 Charleston Rd  
Wellsboro, PA 16901**

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January 26, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, 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.

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Yours Sincerely,

*Cynthia Knowlton*

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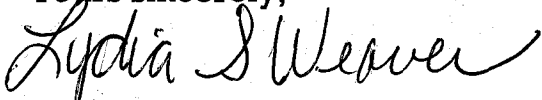
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Yours sincerely,



LydiaWeaver  
387 Cottontail Road  
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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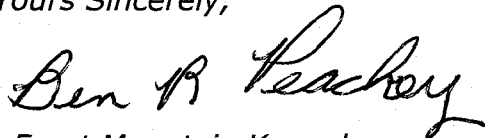
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Yours Sincerely,



Front Mountain Kennel  
2873 Front Mountain Rd  
Belleville, PA 17004

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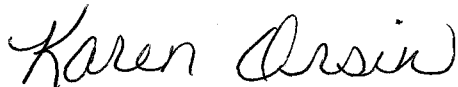
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Yours truly,



Petite Pups Kennel  
4669 Long Run Rd  
Loganton, PA 17747

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Weeping Willow Kennel  
250 Gehman Rd  
Narvon, PA 17555

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Yours sincerely,

*Fyl Balta*  
Windsor Springs  
395 Newcomer Rd  
Windsor, PA 17366

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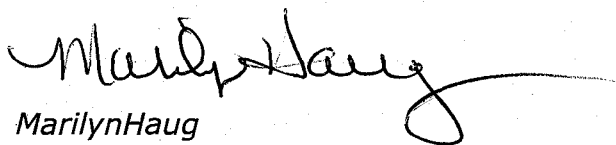
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Yours Sincerely,



Marilyn Haug  
296 South Vintage Road  
Paradise, PA 17562

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**Bridget Rhoades**  
**41 Summer Mt. Road**  
**Bernville, PA 19506**

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January 18, 2007

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Bridget A Rhoades

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Yours truly,

*Moses S. Lapp*

Moses S Lapp  
255 Gibble Rd  
Myerstown, PA 17067

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Yours sincerely,

Woodland Kennel  
1557 Stephenson Rd  
Smicksburg, PA 16256



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Midnight Kennel  
84 Wertman Rd  
Quakake, PA 18245

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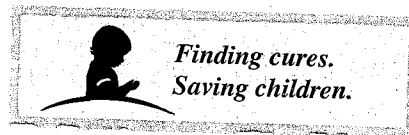
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Yours truly,



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Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 22, 2007

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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely, *Ben Speicher*

Speicher's Kennels  
271 Summers Rd  
Millersburg, PA 17061

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Catherine Mitchell  
114 Redfield St  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

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*Catherine Mitchell*

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Meadow View Kennel  
3017 Irishtown Rd  
Ronks, PA 17572

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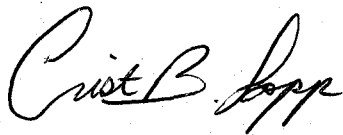
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113 Millport Rd  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

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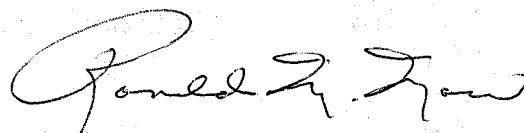
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Mountain View Kennels  
Rd 2 Box 336K  
Williamsburg, PA 16693

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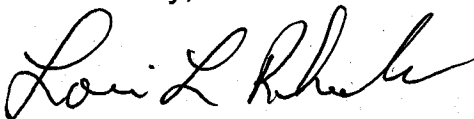
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*owner*

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974 Poho Poco Dr  
Lehighton, PA 18235

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BS Animal Husbandry  
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329 Redwell Road  
New Holland, PA 17557

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Mary B. Nolt  
236 Musser Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519

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*Ronald O Nolt*

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*Benuel H. Stoltzfus*

Ben Stoltzfus  
333 Shaffertown Rd.  
Madisonburg, PA 16852

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*Christ K. Stoltzfus*

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246 Kurtz Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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81 Leshar Rd  
Newburg, PA 17240

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Lori Peters  
1064 Fairview Road  
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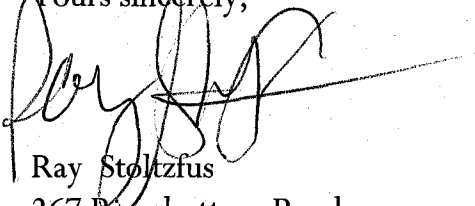
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267 Riverbottom Road  
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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisstown 2  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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

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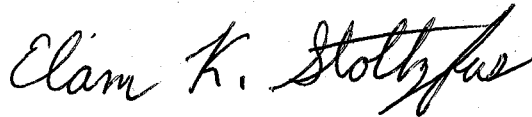
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Mountainside Kennel  
796 Grist Mill Rd  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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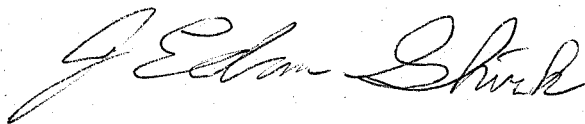
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*Nancy Zimmerman*

Silver Hill Kennel  
1087 Silver Hill Rd  
Narvon, PA 17555

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Merlyn Kennels  
4209 Steubenville Pike  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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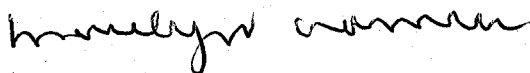
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Spencer & Friends Emergency Animal Rescue  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15202

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170 W. Brubaker Valley Rd  
Lititz, PA 17543

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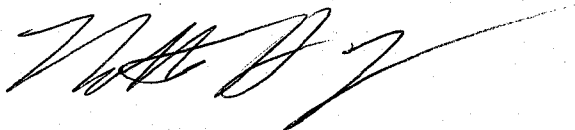
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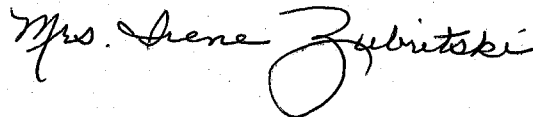
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Spring Brook Kennels  
Rd 1 Box 354 State Rd  
Shamokin, PA 17872

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Mullen's Kennels  
RR 2 Box 1493  
Three Springs, PA 17264

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186 Blank Rd  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,



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