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Dear Ms. Bender:

Because so many puppy mills call Pennsylvania home, I am advocating that they may soon become a more humane place for pooches. Thanks to Governor Ed Rendell's commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pennsylvania puppy mills, the issue has been getting a lot of attention. On Dec. 16, 2006, changes to the **outdated** kennel regulations (currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania) were proposed.

**Please support the proposed changes that could improve the living conditions of dogs who currently suffer in puppy mills. As a Pennsylvania citizen, I am submitting this letter supporting the new, more humane regulations.**

**Please don't miss this chance to help puppy mill dogs in our state!**

With your support, changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills could increase the unacceptably small cage size currently permitted, require a little bit of daily exercise outside of the cage for dogs, require heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees, require cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees, improve the stench these animals must endure by providing ventilation in kennel areas, and deny a kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years. This is such a basic request that I cannot imagine why you would not support these proposed regulation changes. As a person of power and influence, you can make A HUGE DIFFERENCE in the humane treatment of dogs in puppy mills. I encourage and urge you to PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE CONDITION OF PUPPY MILLS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

I support these provisions listed above, and want to see even better conditions for dogs in puppy mills. I also ask you to support the proposed kennel regulations submitted by The Humane Society of the United States, providing exemptions/exceptions for the kennel expansion and exercise requirements that established rescues groups, shelters and foster homes that provide "temporary homes" and work to find permanent homes for animals. I am sure they would be willing to accept reasonable performance standards that would be appropriate for home care settings, keeping in mind that puppy mills provide sub-standard care for profit, where rescue organizations provide above average care because they love animals. Thank you in advance for your support.

Love from the animals and a concerned Pennsylvania resident.

*Ari A. Allen*