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

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Ryan Kelley. My wife Danielle and I live in New Holland, Pennsylvania. As you may know, there are several Puppy Mills in the New Holland vicinity, including one recently cited in Narvon, PA. Thank you for this action and the forthcoming firm prosecution.

As residents of this area, we are constantly exposed to the cruelty subjected upon these innocent animals. The practice of the people operating puppy mills is disgusting. There is only one goal of their operations, to make the maximum amount money with no regard for the current or future well being of their "stock". Dogs are not crops. Dog breeding is not farming! It is a merciless business that ignores the quality of life for dogs in the pursuit of money.

We would like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing new and amended kennel regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels.

We fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

Although we feel these regulations are a bare minimum and should be much more compassionate, we support them as a one of hopefully many more steps in the right direction. Please consider including the elimination of permanent tethering as an amendment to this legislation.

Hopefully, Pennsylvania will lead a trend across the rest of the country to give dogs the dignity and respect they deserve as fellow inhabitants of this planet.

Once again, we support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,



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