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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing in regard to the puppy mill dogs in PA. I am sure that you and others have a good idea as to what goes on in these torture mills. So I am not going to write about this. I am writing to you to ask that instead of giving these dogs more room, so they can continue to produce more dogs, and then flood the state; I am asking that you please shut these places down.

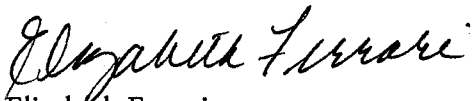
As time goes on, we see this problem of overpopulation of dogs and cats is getting worse. Yes spay and neuter are a big part of trying to control this problem, but the fact remains, as long as people produce and sell dogs and cats, this problem will become uncontrollable. This simply can't happen. We need to start shutting these places down and start working to help with this overpopulation.

To many people feel that as long as we have shelters that will kill these creatures, that this is a way to control overpopulation. How cruel and uncaring that we would want to continue to kill these creatures just because someone won't do the right thing. The right thing would be to stop all breeding and to ensure that each and every dog and cat is spayed and neutered. That each dog and cat in shelters are given a chance for a good life instead of a death sentence. It is something that is within our reach if states would take the time to shut these mills down and then help people who adopt get help with vet care, help with food for these creatures, and if people would adopt more than one dog or cat, they would be given even more incentives. Yes, incentives, because if you listen to what people say about some of the reasons they will open that door and throw these animals out is the fact they can't afford the costs. So it is imperative that each state give incentives to people who will adopt, and owners of dogs and cats be helped with this care. I can see in the very near future a place where dogs and cats will not have to be killed because we just can't seem to do the right thing! As for the cost of the incentives, this would come from the money being spent now to house and then kill these animals.

These creatures have not overpopulated this earth, it is we humans that use them for profit that have added to this overpopulation and too their suffering. And this must stop. So I am asking you to please look at other options instead of giving this puppy mill more room to produce more animals that will be killed. Stop them from doing business and put an end to overpopulation. We haven't really seen a decrease in the numbers and the reason is because of people like these puppy mills.

Thank you taking the time to read my letter. I am sure the HSUS is looking to help these dogs in these horror chambers, but the only answer is not to give these people more room to breed more dogs, it is to shut them down. As long as they produce, dogs and cats will put a strain on the system, and they will be the ones to suffer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Ferrari".

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