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February 5, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

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- Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.
- Better record keeping requirements for kennels.
- More effective dealing with unlicensed kennels.
- Clarification of the requirement for health certificates for all dogs entering this Commonwealth from another state.
- Assure that dog control facilities authorized to receive grants under section 1002 of the act (3 P. S. § 459-1002(a)) would be exempt from the new quarantine and space provisions of the regulations.

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Sincerely,

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Department of Agriculture
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
Fax: 717-772-4352

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