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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mr. **Cocodrilli**,

Re: **ID #2-152 (#2559)**.

A proposed revision in the regulations to enforce Pennsylvania's existing kennel law would impose severe mandates on many dog trainers and breeders, and boarding kennels, is expected to put many kennels out of business, and imposes heavy fines and confiscation of dogs for noncompliance.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, an arm of the state Department of Agriculture, estimates that it will cost every licensed kennel in Pennsylvania between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to come into compliance with the new rules. Many kennel owners peg the cost as much higher.

Although, perhaps, well intentioned, the proposed amendments of December 16, 2006 to the PA Dog Law Regulations are of great concern to many small businesses in our area.

Although there is total agreement that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, the proposed regulatory changes will also require wholesale renovation, if not rebuilding of many kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. Small boarding kennels and breeding kennels, whose care and conditions are far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.

These small breeders and boarding kennels would be forced out of business, face a loss of income, and deprive their communities of their outstanding services.

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Please help ethical, professional, animal loving people whose breeding and boarding practices have been in complete compliance with federal and/or state requirements; and who have provided much appreciated services to their communities, stay in business.

Please have these senseless amendments withdrawn.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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