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Dear Mrs Bender,  
I don't know why a change to Code 21.24(b) states "Outdoor facilities, including runs and exercise areas shall be kept free of grass." That's absurd - to say the least!! Backyards will certainly suffer as will the dogs.

Pennsylvania is fast becoming the leading "Puppy Mill" state, a horrible distinction. I have one such "facility" not far from my house. It is deplorable the so-called kennels look like rabbit hutches - wire floors about 2-3 feet above the ground, wire sides + tops. The enclosed part is so small it barely holds a dog. Yet that atrocious would meet the above change. It is stupid.

It suggests you and your office are more interested in catering to the puppy mill operators than in ensuring breeders meet elevated standards in this state. We should strive to IMPROVE the conditions for the unfortunate dogs living in this type of operation not bring down