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This letter concerns the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills. We strongly support the changes to the current kennel regulations. As we understand it, the changes would include:

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improving ventilation in kennel area
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty with the past 10 years.

These changes may help Pennsylvania to loose its reputation as the "puppy mill capital of the East" and will provide better conditions to the dogs who suffer in so many of these 'mills' in our state.

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