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57 Mt. View Road Rd 1  
Strausstown, PA 19559

January 30, 2007

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333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
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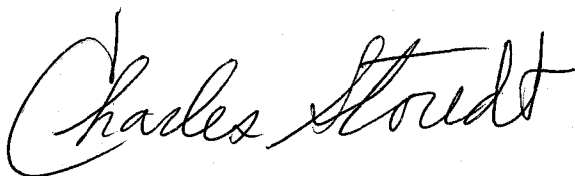
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Yours sincerely, *Edna M. Bublacher*

Strawberry Lane Kennel  
40 Lenge Road  
Myerstown, PA 17067

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34 Oak Bend Rd  
Newburg, PA 17240

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*Ruben M. Zook*

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Rebersburg, PA 16827

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Trachaven Kennel  
6623 Blooming Grove Rd  
Glennville, PA 17329

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Martha Newswanger  
RD #2, Box 185  
Williamsburg, PA 16693

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*Martha Newswanger*

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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14th Floor Harristown 2  
333 Market St.  
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RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

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*Aida Mack*  
*Larkie Lab Kennels*

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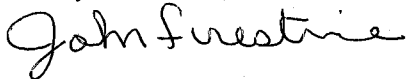
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John Firestine  
925 East Clay Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872



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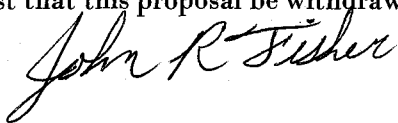
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AlvinFlaud  
71 Rock Rd  
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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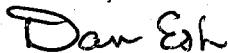
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68 Clearview Rd  
Ronks, PA 17572

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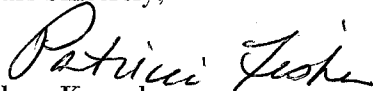
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Fishers Kennel  
723 N. Lancaster St  
Jonestown, PA 17038

~~Stevie S. Fisher~~  
~~100 Hartman Bridge Rd.~~  
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*Elmer Fisher*

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100 Hartman Bridge Rd  
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**Kirik's Kennel**  
**8832 Union-Amity Rd** RECEIVED  
**Union City, PA 16438**

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*of Kirik's Kennel*

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Sarah Ann Martin  
Dreisbach Church Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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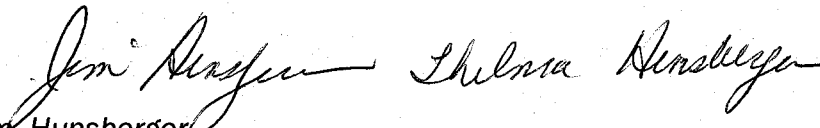
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The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Jim Hunsberger

Rd 1 Box 154  
Mt Pleasant Mills, PA 17853



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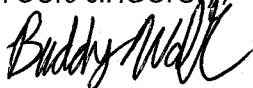
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In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

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Buddy Walk  
185 Mulholton Dr.  
Tyrone, PA 16686

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Boyertown, PA 19512

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

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RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Mr. Jewett,

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The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.


The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,



Zimmerman's Glenbrook Kennel  
101 Glenbrook Rd  
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Dear Mr. Jewett,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

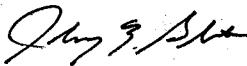
The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

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The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Johnny Z. Glick  
185 Amsterdam Rd  
New Holland, PA 17557

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Yours sincerely,



Allen B. Zimmerman  
343 Reidenbach Road  
New Holland, PA 17557

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I have always owned dogs and I consider them to be an important part of my family. The fact that Pennsylvania's reputation is that of "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast" saddens me greatly. Let's please work together to turn that horrible reputation around for the citizens of Pennsylvania, but also for those suffering who have no voice!

I am thankful to the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing new and amended kennel regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels.

I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and hope for their passage.

The below listed amended regulations are of the utmost importance to me to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for "man's best friend" to have a better quality of life:

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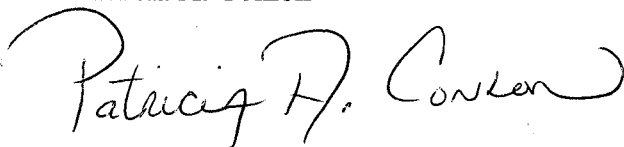
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Additionally, it is very important to me that you consider adding the regulation of:

**"Permanent tethering cannot be used as the primary enclosure"**

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Patricia A. Conlon



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Todd J. Feddock, DMD





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January 19, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,


I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

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Yours truly,



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