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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli  
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Dr. Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am against changing the current Dog Law (ID#2-152, 2559) because of media promoted hysteria. The current law, when enforced has closed the bad kennels and changed many others for the better without having the obvious agenda of closing Pennsylvania taxpaying businesses (or taxpayers hobbies). The people behind Governor Rendell have this agenda.

The current Dog Law is sufficient to close the bad kennels, that are what the public would call a puppymill, and will shut illegal kennels down. They call for clean, safe quarters and healthy dogs and puppies. Anymore would be against the PA. Constitution's right to own property.

The proposed Dog Law changes are aimed at closing all kennels. Governor Rendell is so bold as to say in his speech that he is targeting the Amish who are the most fundamentally Christian people there are. I cannot believe these people have it in them to be cruel and education has again and again upgraded their facilities.

Is it not strange that Michael Wolf, who had his kennel license taken away never had his dogs taken away nor was there follow up to see if he came down to a legal limit? Was this so he could be the current administration's rallying cry?

This at the same time that Governor Rendell stopped the Dog Law Advisory Board from meeting. No one can think this is a coincidence. I am sure the donations and adoptions have poured in from the media coverage.

Now the groups that generously gave to Governor Rendell's reelection campaign, want to have the lucrative job of getting paid to inspect kennels, getting to search for dogs to seize, getting to charge board to keep the dogs in crates under state law minimums until the hearing before their fellow swat team members, getting to release info and horrid, exaggerated stories to the media for public donations and then they get the funds from selling the confiscated animals since the accused kennel owner will surely be found guilty in a noncourt setting in front of this same group. Since many humane societies in this state are privately owned and all pay no license fees or taxes, this is the best money making plan that any person on the

Do not think this is the puppy mill bill as it is not aimed at just commercial kennels but at our constitutional rights to own pets. It is aimed at all of us since co-owners, rescues and everyone will be under the new police state that Rendell recommends.

Yes some rescues should be monitored but an individual housing two dogs at a time in their home for a rescue should not be required to meet kennel requirements, just like a show breeder raising pups in their bedroom could never pass the non porous surface or kennel requirements. More stringent laws are not the answer. Better enforcement of current laws is the answer. Stealing a breeders stock and pets is not the answer. Removing the license and setting them up with a timetable for reduction in the dogs while monitored is the answer.

The uproar being heard should be listened to and all of us must tell the governor that we will not support his changes.

Sincerely,  
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