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Ms. Bender,

I am writing to inform you of my position on the proposed regulation changes concerning Pennsylvania dog laws. Specifically, changes that are being designed and or implemented to put "puppy mills" out of business, and directly or indirectly, make it very hard for hobby breeders to exist. Hobby breeders should NOT be designated as someone who breeds less than or has less than 26 dogs per year on their premises. High volume kennels should NOT be someone who has or breeds over 26 dogs per year on their premises. Those would be truly moronic assumptions made by people who truly do not understand puppy mill operators or true hobby breeders. I would hope you are more intelligent than to expect someone with the low morals of a puppy mill operator to comply with a law that won't solve a bad genetics problem even if they do follow it.

These proposed changes will irrevocably damage dog fanciers in Pennsylvania, and I will be joining additional various kennel clubs and will be contributing financially, to fight a legal battle either in the courts, or through getting the right officials elected, to have legislation enacted that will prevent these types of stupid regulations from ever happening. I hope you view this job as a short term one, the next governor will get tremendous pressure to replace you for these poor decisions.

I suppose the part that is most glaring is the raw ignorance and lack of respect displayed by the bureau of dog law enforcement, that really should know better, regarding the onerous impact of these regulations on hobby breeders. That is only surpassed, by the ignorance displayed in trying to eliminate puppy mills by these proposed changes. The proposed changes do nothing to eliminate or reduce dogs bred with bad hips, hearts, eyes, or any other organ system which is the primary impact of puppy mill breeding mentality. If in fact, you can show or offer ANY evidence to me, that these proposed changes will reduce or eliminate the major problem, as experienced by the general public, of puppy mills, I will no longer complain. That problem clearly is poorly bred dogs, i.e. poor genetics, based on poor breeding practices. I have seen nothing in the proposed changes that will, in fact, improve genetics. Frankly, passing on good genetics is the cornerstone of a hobby breeder. Breeding to improve the breed, and keep quality genetics within a breed. None of the proposed changes will address improving the genetics of puppy mill breeders.

Don't be as stupid as a puppy mill breeder! Revise these proposed regulation changes now by talking to the various kennel clubs and quality hobby breeders. They can show you how to enact changes that will benefit all dogs and the people who buy them. You will find honest sincere people that will help you eliminate puppy mills IF YOU WORK WITH THEM INSTEAD OF AGAINST THEM!

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