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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I have two small dogs and we consider our dogs to be an important part of our family. I speak out whenever I feel that dogs are being treated cruelly or inhumanely. 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:

"Double the cage requirements that currently exist"

"Provide 20 min of daily exercise for each dog"

"Provide heat when temperatures drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and cooling when temperatures rise above 85 degrees Fahrenheit"

"Provide better lighting and frequent air changes for ventilation"

"Remove all dogs from their cages/kennels/crates during cleaning"

"Deny kennel licenses to those people who have been convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years"

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,
Cherisse Feddock

