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Dear Sir,

I am writing you concerning the new proposal of Pennsylvania Dog Laws which are currently under decision to become effective shortly.

Id like to point out that Governor Rendell specifically made a public statement that he had appointed "SWAT" teams to target the so called "puppy mills" of Lancaster county which he also stated at one point I read "Amish puppy mills"....although I am not Amish I feel it necessary that someone brings light to this neo Nazism behavior that is currently taking place against Pennsylvania dog breeders who PAY fees to the state of Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to have a license to operate their facilities here within our state. They are NOT illegal drug dealers,rapists,racketeers or criminals...they are state licensed dog breeders/kennel operators without whom the bureau would not have enough revenue to operate.

Many Amish currently are living in fear of the arrival of a SWAT TEAM at their homes. This sir is unconstitutional that in the United States of America any citizen should have to fear his own government especially when they are paying a fee for the right to operate their kennel .

Also let me point out that it is a FEDERAL OFFENSE to target a sect of people in this nation. The Amish are sects of people.

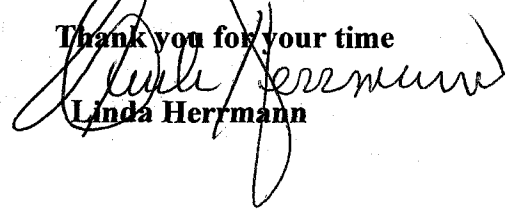
There is a written federal law that states it is illegal to take advantage of anyone ~~and~~ and the law states "abuse of a public or official office to harass and intimidate"....which is what these SWAT teams are doing. Intimidation tactics set forth by our Governor. I ask you WHAT kind of a governor do we have that he denies recognition of federal laws and constitutional rights??? And WHERE are you elected officials that you are allowing your citizens to be ran over by such behavior?

The Dog Laws of this state that already exist are more than adequate. We do not need such ridiculous regulations like written reports of times dogs were walked or times the bowls were washed etc.,,what we do need is that ALL the people within the dog industry in this state COMPLY with the already existing laws and then there would be no problem.

Many of the women who have marched on Harrisburg in the anti puppy mill rallies themselves do NOT possess a state license to do their dog related work such as rescue...they wouldn't qualify for a state license as they don't have kennels...many have basements FULL of caged dogs they have taken in and since they don't have kennel facilities the dogs live in those cages...they see themselves as saints not as lawbreakers...and if you ask some of them about the laws they don't even know that we already had good laws in place nor that they themselves were breaking them yet they mouthed off in their marches on the capitol.

I urge you to help put a stop to the many ridiculous reforms that are proposed in the new dog law proposal.

Thank you for your time



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