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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Representative Sestak,

I am writing to request your support of the changes to the outdated puppy mill regulations. Animals are a gift to humans from our Creator and help to make life here on earth joyful. These animals deserve to live in conditions that allow them to be healthy and to develop a pleasant nature.

The following regulations have been suggested; and as a tax paying citizen who voted for you I am counting on you to protect these animals and future animals.

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degree
- improving ventilation in kennel areas
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I also ask you to exempt rescue shelters and home shelters from some of these regulations as it may hinder the wonderful, selfless work of hundreds of people who support homeless animals via foster care programs. I happen to know some people who do this work and I greatly admire their love for these needy animals.

My family and I bought a small dog eleven years ago from an Amish farmer. We did not know at that time that these dogs were inter-breed. As a result, I have a dog who is afraid of people; barks at and tries to bite anyone who comes near him. I love this dog dearly and I feel very angry that he is forced to go through life in this way. I often think of his siblings and hope that someone compassionate owns them; these are dogs who may very well be abused or abandoned because of their temperament.

You have been given the power by many hopeful PA citizens to make a positive difference in our state and country. Please support this regulation.

Sincerely,

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Copies sent to Arlen Specter and Bob Casey