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Attention Mary Bender,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

It is my understanding that there is a law being proposed for breeders to raise their animals in an outside kennel. I am expressing my concern with this proposed law. I am an owner of two wonderful pure breed poodles. I have had many animals in my lifetime that have filled my heart with joy. However the two I currently own came from a breeder who raises their animals inside their home. The home is very nice and clean but what impressed me the most is the love and care provided to each and every animal that this breeder has, not only for their own pets but for the pets they breed. This breeder takes excellent care of all the animals and takes it a step further by interviewing and making sure that the potential new owner and puppy are the right fit for each other. This includes making sure the potential new owner and puppy are interacting properly. I must say in my opinion, the two pure breed dogs that I currently have are very well behaved, have great dispositions and love everyone. This was instilled in these dogs I believe since the day they were born. I believe this was due to the time and love given by the breeder since I didn't get them till they were almost a year old.

My whole feelings about breeders having to have outside kennels outrages me. I understand there are puppy mills being run, but I also know there are very good in home breeders. This all boils down to rights that you are trying

to take away. Some breeders choose not to have children, their pets are their children. I am not a breeder but I look at my pets as my children (since I don't have children that is my choice). Who gives you the right to dictate or violate breeders rights and my rights as a pet owner. What we do with our home is our business. I am sick and tired of having rights of mine being taken away because of the few bad eggs in the world. Maybe we should start looking at the people who keep having children and can't support them. Maybe what should happen is a law should be proposed that the children should be raised in an outside environment separate from their families home. I think focus should be on the illegal puppy mills and people whom abuse their animals. Stop pointing fingers and penalizing everyone. You don't have the right to violate my rights or any other pet owner or breeders rights. Instead of sitting at a desk and coming up with outrageous laws get out into the field and stop the puppy mills and start protecting the rights and care of honest breeders instead of slapping everyones hands.

In closing, once again I am not a breeder but I do own two wonderful pure breed dogs raised inside and I wouldn't have it any other way. They have the love and compassion that many owners would love to have. You need to think long and hard before you pass a law that is both ridiculous, in humane, and will take away the love, time spent, and attention that these beloved animals deserve. Attack those who break the law not those who abide and go above and beyond like my breeder. If you

pass this law I will be disappointed, outraged, and saddened for the breeders but most of all for the animals. The true issue is what's best for the animals in all aspects. Stop being greedy. Please think long and hard before you make a final decision. Do we penalize those families that have many children that they can't support? No, you and I support them. We don't tell or make them stop having children. We don't dictate how or what their living arrangements should be. We keep supporting them. Their rights aren't being taken away. Yet you want me to sit and watch you take away the rights of breeders and tell them how they will raise their animals. You are making a huge mistake. Once again please do the right thing. Don't violate breeders rights because of a few bad eggs. Attack the violators. You are opening a can of worms that shouldn't be opened. Thank you for your time. Please protect the breeder and most of all the animals involved that have loving, caring, and warm homes. Remember your not told how to or what to do with your home. So don't tell the honest breeders what to do with their homes.

PS If your so concerned about the animals go to breeders homes and do a routine inspection for Quality Assurance.

Sincerely,
Melissa Little
A very concerned pet owner