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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to offer some comment on the proposed dog laws in PA. My first question is "has anyone bothered to find out where do the majority of dog found in shelters and rescue groups come from?" Because:

- Responsible breeders willingly take back any puppy that doesn't work out, at any age. They would not want one of their puppies in a shelter.
- Responsible breeders sell their puppies with spay/neuter agreements. No unwanted puppies.
- Responsible breeders raise puppies that are well socialized, healthy and make good family companions.
- Responsible breeders screen buyers to make sure the match will be a happy one for all three, the buyer the breeder and most importantly the puppy.

Do you think the puppy mill breeders or the pet store clerks care about any of this? All they care about is making a buck! Gov. Rendell was quoted in a newspaper article I found on line that stated... "...we are taking strong steps to protect consumers, reputable breeders and kennels, and the defenseless animals whose health and welfare is at the heart of this important issue." I don't understand how these new regulations will take care of reputable breeders unless it's used in the Soprano's lingo form of "these breeders need to be taken care."

Please don't let this happen if you have any power to help the responsible breeders. Don't let these new laws go through, please.

Keeping hopeful,

*Marge C. Stiuse*