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Dear Mary Bender,

I am writing you today to let you know that the inhumane treatment of dogs in Pennsylvania's puppy mills is a concern that needs to be addressed. I urge you to do something about it. I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. Current regulations **do not** ensure humane treatment and dogs. Pennsylvania is known by many as the "**puppy mill capital of the East.**" I sincerely want you to know that I want Pennsylvania's puppy mill kennel regulations to be a priority for Congress, because they're a big priority for me.

Changes that need to be addressed are the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills include the following requirements:

- » **doubling the minimum cage size for all dogs.**
- » **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 degrees.**
- » **improving ventilation in kennel areas.**
- » **denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.**

Please take action to prevent neglect and mistreatment of dogs.

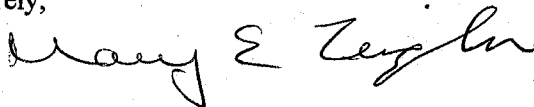
Some people may say "they're just dogs." I say to these people, "as we do, dogs get cold, overheat, feel pain and know mistreatment when it's being done to them.

It is now up to Congress to set tougher laws to keep all kennel licensed breeders in check with humane regulations. Congress needs to pass these changes to clean up the Puppy mill industry.

In closing I would like to state that we need Congress to improve animal care standards preventing neglect and mistreatment of dogs in puppy mills.

Please help to improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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