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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am so happy to hear of the new legislation introduced on December 16, 2006. I am a volunteer of a local animal shelter. I can't tell you how many sleepless nights I have thinking about the poor dogs that are in cramped cages living just to reproduce for these breeders to make a fast buck. We have had many puppy mill dogs. Living in the "puppy mill capital" of the east (and probably the world), it is very difficult to see the enormous amount of dogs we get and hear about. They come to us malnourished, often leg and back problems because there is no room to move in these cramped cages. Their bones don't get to grow correctly and since they don't get out of their cages for exercise, they are often deformed. They are often afraid and without emotion since they never have any human contact. They don't know how to play or even give a kiss. When the breeders are done with these dogs, they throw them away or put them to sleep unless one of us volunteers come to the rescue. Unfortunately, there are not enough of us around and there are not enough homes for all of them as they keep multiplying them by the thousands. I would like to see breeders banned all together forever, but that prayer, I'm sure will go unanswered. At least in my lifetime. This legislation is a start and I'm very happy that it is being addressed seriously after all this time.

Changes need to be made as soon as possible so the endless suffering of these poor dogs is stopped completely. Please continue to fight for the voiceless. I will, and always have, done whatever I could to improve animals' lives. I pray to God the suffering ends.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for working toward an answer. God bless.

Sincerely,

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