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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Lee Horne and my address is P. O. Box 368, Mt. Bethel, PA 18013. I work part-time at a veterinary hospital and through my employment there, have come to know some small private breeders in my area. Knowing these people and their dogs on a professional level and for quite some time-in some cases for about 15 years, I feel compelled to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations that were issued on December 16, 2006.

I believe that all dogs should be kept in humane kennel conditions and that we shouldn't tolerate those who keep dogs in over crowded conditions, without proper exercise and attention. But I do not agree that the proposed changes will accomplish that.

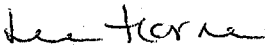
The definition of "temporary housing" would directly impact many small private breeders and residential show breeders. It would be virtually impossible for them to comply with the proposed regulations.

We do have existing standards and there are no provisions for grandfathering those who are compliant with current regulations. Instead these people would be forced to renovate to meet the proposed standards, many at an expense that they could not afford.

Since it is already a problem enforcing current regulations, I think that issue should be addressed before adding more work to a situation that has existing problems.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,



Lee Horne

c: Richard T. Grucela
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