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Dear Mary Bender,

I am writing in regard to the proposed kennel regulations changes. I feel it is long over due to take control of the cruelty that occurs in the Puppy Mills of PA. I am so saddened to see that our state is one of the worst in the USA for the terrible abuse of puppies and breeding dogs. I have seen the reports on tv and read about the horrors that occur right here in our own back yards. I have seen first hand the horrors that have been going on in the puppy mills and the inhumane treatment that has been happening to the these innocent animals. I have heard from people that witnessed mother dogs yet in their prime taken out in the fields of the Amish and shot in the head because their duty of producing money making puppies is done. I have seen the results of the poor health of the puppies that come out of here and the mothers and fathers with teeth rotting in their mouths and abuse that you and I can barely imagine. I can tell you that I am ashamed that this is allowed to go on in Pennsylvania. If these kennels were properly controlled and run the way they should be, this would not be happening. If the numbers were controlled and the places were inspected and people losing their licenses if they do not properly treat and care for their animals. Nobody should be allowed to have so many dogs. You and I know that they cannot be properly tended to and taken care of. The result being the torture or the adults and the neglect of the puppies. I am embarrassed to have my home state known as the Puppy Mill capital of the east! This should and could be regulated. What about the puppies that froze to death last week in one of our puppy mills? What about the lives being cut short by a gun shot to the head? What about the wonderful dogs that have never had a kind human touch, a warm bed to lie in, good quality food to prevent their teeth from rotting and their bodies from being able to thrive. What about them never even knowing that their are kind people out there not the abusers that run these puppy mills. What about the terrible skin infections and loss of hair and weight because these "ANIMALS" that are breeding these innocent dogs have one thing in mind MONEY! Shame on them for doing this to the innocents. Shame on them for using their religion as a shield for their wrong doings. I know the Amish are not the only ones but I know they are the main offenders. I ask you to STOP THIS ABUSE NOW. Control the puppy mills and let them no longer exist. They are the breeding grounds for sick puppies and adults that are fearful and never able to enjoy a safe life.

Ask me now I know some of these things. I know because I am a rescuer! I have seen dogs hide under the bed for months only to come out to eat and go to the bathroom, cower in the corner for fear of being beaten. I have seen young dogs with only 2 or 3 teeth and they are even rotten. I have seen abuse and neglect and it sickens me. It is time the state of Pennsylvania steps up and speaks on behalf of the animals who cannot speak. Control these breeding facilities and let the dogs be bred by proper breeders. These not only produce unhealthy puppies but more and more puppies that end up being put to death

because they are not wanted. I feel that it is time to make these changes and enforce them. It is time that we not be known as the Puppy Mill capital of the east. I have always told people if the dogs comes from Lancaster County, it is a good chance it is a puppy mill dog so don't adopt. Don't go to pet stores as where do you think these puppies come from? Reliable breeders- of course not. No good breeder would put their puppies in a pet store. The public needs to be educated on this and more than that this needs to stop. People are getting very upset with this continuing and nothing being done to stop it. Please hear the voices of the people and look at the eyes of the Puppy Mill dogs. How can you let this continue?

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