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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Mary Bender  
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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
2301 N. Cameron St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Mary Bender:

I am writing you in response to the proposed change in dog kennel regulations ID # 2-152 (#2559). I am a wildlife biologist, sportsman, and dog owner. In the future, I may start a kennel of my own for breeding and training dogs. I do believe in the proper regulations of dog kennels, especially puppy mills. However, I do not believe the proposed changes would accomplish this.

The proposed regulations would prohibit responsible breeders, trainers, and boarders. For instance: I could have a few AKC and NAVHDA registered dogs of my own, produce 1-2 litters, and 6-10 clients dogs to train in a year, and I would be well over the 26 dog limit. All these dogs would be healthier, have cleaner kennels, and be more properly trained and exercise than any dog or puppy in a so called puppy mill. These breeding facilities pay little or no attention to the genetics and the overall well being of the dogs they produce.

Please reconsider the proposed change in regulations. Limit the puppy mills, not the responsible dog kennels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew E. Beam