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RE: Dog Law regulations

Dear Ms. Bender,

I fully support ALL of the changes that are being proposed in the current Dog Law regulations. I believe that they could be even stronger, so please do everything in your power to enact the proposed laws.

In addition to what is already proposed, please be sure that the cage size requirements are strong enough to ensure that no loopholes can be taken by large commercial breeders, by just adding more dogs to the new cage sizes. Also, I'd like to see the daily fines per case for non-compliance increased to \$1000s to be sure they comply.

Also, be sure to include excessive matting and excessively long toenails as indicators of proper veterinary care.

I support any changes that will help the welfare of puppies and dogs in those facilities. Dogs are feeling, breathing, intelligent animals, and deserve a better life than they are currently experiencing in large breeding facilities.

It is an outrage that the breeders in Pennsylvania are allowed to behave in the way they have been. I believe that the current proposals are not only desperately needed, but can still be even stronger. Personally I don't feel that as long as there are shelters, and animals being put down every year, that people should be allowed to breed in large quantities at all. It just doesn't make sense.

Therefore, anything you can do to at the very least protect the dogs in our state is something.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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