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Dear Ms. Bender,

The proposed kennel laws for Pa. are absolutely ridiculous. Very obviously there was no commercial kennel owner involved when this draft was drawn up.

To insist that all dogs be exercised twenty minutes a day, 7 days a week 365 days a year implies us to walk our dog in sleet, hail, snow or rain. Come on, think rationally even humans wouldn't venture outside in these conditions more than necessary and besides what about the 1 day old puppy which cannot be exercised. To my knowledge no age was given in the proposal.

As for manure being cleaned up "with a shovel" in outdoor runs is like telling folks which kind of toilet paper they need to use. "Is ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> O.K.?"

And why would rescue groups be exempt from dog laws? I have personal experience with ladies from rescue purchasing puppies and marketing them in large cities as "puppy mill" rescues from deplorable conditions etc etc. These ladies changed the breed of dog to their liking since the innocent folk who "rescued" the puppy were innocent but made the dog more desirable. Easy, Easy, - No inspections, no taxes, no vet bills. Money Money Money... to be used to kick licensed, registered people in their backsides without a blink and a glance. Thanks to rescue groups most of us have now walked through our kennels

and any thing questionable in old age or health has been taken care of, humanely. Why? Because no one wants to be on the front page newspaper headlines looking like a criminal because they breed dogs. That three legged puppy from birth, you had a heart, he was perfect except for the front right limb. Her mother was phenomenal and the blood line exceptional so you kept her for breeding purposes. She's no longer in your kennel because of fear, fear of what - New inspectors with little or no knowledge of animal husbandry claiming Search Warrants and <sup>pushing</sup> ~~insisting~~ to the animal charges etc. for such as mentioned above.

We have a state of the art facility and if these proposals go through we will have little or no heart on defective dogs. Will we place them in Rescue Groups hands? NO! Without having them required to be licensed; that puppy would be a potential to someone uninspected - unlicensed and possibly unvetted. Totally unfair to the canine. He'd be better off six feet under in Puppy Heaven.

Thanks for hearing me Out.  
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