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Mary Bender, Director, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender:

Please excuse outline form - I feel it is best suited for my comments.

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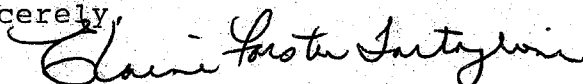
Connection to Dogs - Owner

- Vet. medicine, working in hospital & off site care
- Member Monroe Animal League - Animal welfare & volunteer service group- charity but not shelter or rescue

Comments on proposed changes to PA Dog Law Regulations-

- Accept & agree the need for change. I question the broad approach-feel needs for short-term boarding & living conditions must be addressed separately
- Concern that the financial burden of the regulations could be difficult if not impossible for some of the affected groups & small businesses
- Changes to existing physical plants will be costly & may force closure to some that have been providing a much needed service- what will happen to the involved animals? Things to consider -
  - Regulations for additions/ new construction
  - Time to make reasonable changes to existing facilities
  - Grandfather provisions for current license holders
- Several years ago our group (MAL) petitioned for increased Dog Warden coverage for Monroe Co. Growth in the co. has made it impossible to keep up - we were told that funding was an issue - What's different now? We need adequate personnel to enforce the regulations we have now - Where will the funding come from for the new regulations? I support changes that are positive and enforceable- as funding and trained personnel are key- these issues must also be addressed to be successful.

Sincerely,



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