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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron St
Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Suzi Franks and I recently heard from my sister-in-law, who lives in Lancaster County about the proposed new and amended kennel regulations and at this time I would like to applaud you and your department for proposing these new regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels. These changes have been a long time coming and I am pleased that these changes are in the near future.

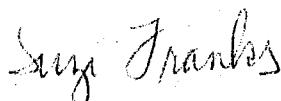
I wanted to inform you and your department that I completely support the proposed kennel regulations and will be looking forward to their passing in the upcoming months!

I feel the amended regulations; such as regulating the temperature in which these animals are made to live will make a big difference in their well-being. I also believe that enlarging their kennels in which they live and walking each dog at least 20 minutes a day will only result in healthier animals which will in turn produce healthier pups. I would like to add however, that permanent tethering should not be used as the primary closure.

From what I have learned and researched and informed other of, is that Pennsylvania is known as the "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast". This is a distinction I am NOT proud of. So, again, I applaud your department for taking the necessary steps to diminish the puppy mill situation and for being the voice for the dogs who have none.

Once again, I support and encourage the passing of proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,



Suzi Franks
148 S. Main Street
Mountaintop, PA 18707

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I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

It is imperative for these animals to be kept in healthy, sanitary kennels to ensure proper mental and physical health. I believe that doubling the cage is imperative and that walking each dog at least 20 minutes a day will enable these dogs to live a more enriched life, rather than being treated like a crop used to just make money. I also believe that removing the dogs from the kennels for cleaning is humane and it what these animals deserve.

The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast." As I have become aware, Lancaster County, in particular is the worst when it comes to commercial breeding, and until this changes I, as well as everyone I know, will not be coming to Lancaster County.

Once again, I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations! I look forward to hearing that these new regulation will be in place before the year's end.

Sincerely,

Shari Henning (Shari Henning)
1126 ST ANDREWS CRT
YORK PA 17408

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Dear Ms. Bender:

As a volunteer for the Humane League of Lancaster County I have seen dogs and puppies seized from puppy mills. Actually, just recently I met a poodle mix at the League named Zig Zag. The staff gave him this name because he was unable able to walk in a straight line due to being caged all his life. Dogs, as you know, were bred to be companion animals and should not be treated like live stock.

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I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

Veterinarian practice, animal behaviorists and other animal care givers have substantiated the type and level of care these animals require for a healthy life. I feel the amended regulations will reflect these current care standards and are necessary to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life.

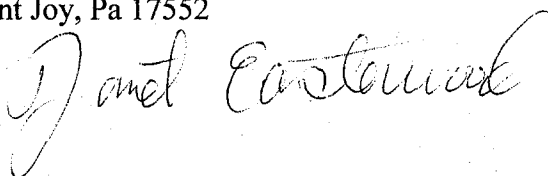
I feel that increasing cage size and a minimum of twenty minutes of uncaged exercise per day, per dog, would greatly decrease the stress that dogs like Zig Zag endure.

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Sincerely,

Janet Easterwood
886 Farmdale Road
Mount Joy, Pa 17552



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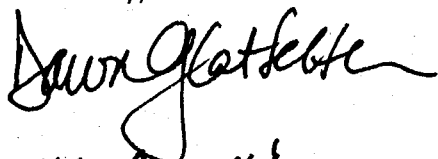
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Hummelstown PA

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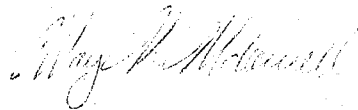
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I feel the amended regulations, such as removing the dogs from their cage before being cleaned, adequate lighting, walking each dog at least 20 minutes per day will reflect the care standards that are needed to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life for our canine companions.

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Once again, I support and encourage the passing of proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,

Erin K Haynes

ERIN K. HOYNES
1214 CAPITAL ST.
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I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

Anyone who has studied psychology knows that the level of care given to any individual or animal will have a direct impact on the quality of life. Veterinarian practice, animal behaviorists and other animal caregivers have substantiated this theory. I feel the amended regulations will allow these animals to be treated humanely, which result in a better quality of life.

I completely agree with regulating the temperature in which these animals live. Just as humans, these animals need adequate heat in the winter and cooler temperatures in the summer. I also believe that enlarging the kennel size by doubling at a minimum is also the humane thing to do to allow an enhanced quality of life, especially for the breeding dogs who never see the light of day, currently live in unsatisfactory conditions and never get the opportunity to stretch or touch the ground throughout their life.

I believe this is an opportunity for the Department of Agriculture to step up to the plate and become the national leader in diminishing Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast."

Once again, I support and am eager to hear that these regulations have passed in the very near future!

Sincerely,



Gina Dietrich
204 N Oak Street
Lititz, PA 17545

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Eric Hickey
1313 Hillcroft Ln.
York, PA 17403

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Sincerely,

Tammy Heilman

Tammy Heilman
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Lebanon PA 17046

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Vincent Strangio
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Attn: Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender

I am writing you today regarding the proposed changes to the dog kennel regulations in Pennsylvania and beg you to support them. It is just disgusting to see how some of these animals are kept and cared for and an absolute disgrace to Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is widely known as the Puppy Mill capital and that just makes me so mad. How can we possibly accept this and let it continue?

The proposed changes make so much sense and will improve the lives of countless innocent animals. The only people who would object to these changes are the immoral owners of these operations who profit from the misery of animals. The vast majority of Pennsylvanians would support them and also be outraged at the current conditions and regulations.

I am asking you to please be sure to support the proposed changes and include a special exemption for animal shelters and foster homes so animal rescue groups are not inadvertently hurt. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Vincent Strangio

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Holly Moskerintz
911 North, Street | Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

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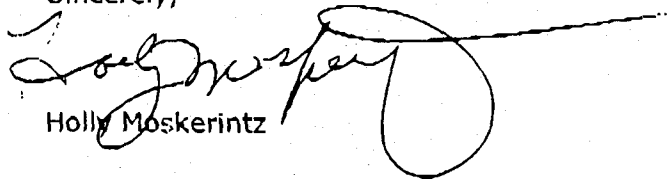
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli and Ms. Bender:

Please help Pennsylvania to not be referred to as the "puppy mill capital of the East" and to make Pennsylvania a more humane place for dogs, as well as other animals. I support Governor Ed Rendell's commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pennsylvania puppy mills and his proposed changes to the outdated kennel regulations which would improve the living conditions of dogs who currently are suffering the inhumane condltions in these puppy mills.

I hope you too support Governor Rendell's proposals and you have some room in your heart to protect the dogs that are currently suffering under current Pennsylvania law.

Sincerely,


Holly Moskerintz

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Ms. Mary Bender
Director, Bureau of Dog Law
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Pennsylvania Puppy Mills

Dear Ms Bender,

As Pennsylvania residents and tax payers, we are not very proud of living in a place known as the puppy mill capital of the East. We personally have stronger emotional ties with this matter because we purchased our beloved dog Sunny from one of the Lancaster based puppy mills. Sunny is 10 years old. She has had temperamental problems all her life. We rarely invite anyone to our house because we are afraid that Sunny would attack our guests. When we walk her outside we have to be very diligent not letting her to be near anyone. She also has had health problems all her life. Sunny is a direct victim and living witness of puppy mill cruelty. Puppy mills are like an ulcer in Pennsylvania. They hurt the animals and break the animal lovers' hearts.

We, as PA tax payers, strongly support the proposed changes that will provide better living conditions for dogs in puppy mills. We also strongly support tougher and stricter requirements for issuing kennel licenses to puppy mills. However we will support an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and also an exemption for foster homes from kennel housing requirements.


We will closely monitor this matter and be glad to receive any updates.

Thank you very much for the initiatives!

Sincerely!

June Zhao, PhD


Tom McConnell, Attorney at Law


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Hummelstown, PA 17036
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From: mtnshak [mtnshak@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2007 5:27 AM
To: mabender@state.pa.us
Cc: bgardner@pa.net
Subject: RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO PA DOG LAW

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Dear Ms. Bender,

Please allow me to introduce my self. My name is Linda Uncapher. I am the owner of several cats and a TDI registered Golden Retriever.

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to the PA Dog Law. I am aware and agree that unethical and inhumane kennel conditions exist in many large commercial kennels in our state and they should no longer be tolerated!

I support the proposed changes as outlined in the recent bulletin: www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol36/36-50/2452.html as beneficial to dogs housed in large commercial kennels. I have also written to my local legislatures and expressed the above sentiment.

It is time for Pennsylvania to shed its shameful reputation as "The Puppy Mill Capitol of the East" and believe that these changes will make a difference.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Uncapher
Preston C. Uncapher
256 Skyhigh Road
St. Thomas, PA 17252

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St. Thomas, PA 17252

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Trish Wegner
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Naperville, IL 60540

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Dear Ms. Bender,

RE: Pennsylvania, "The Puppy Mill Capital of the East"

My letter will serve to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Governor of your State for taking a stand on behalf of defenseless, suffering animals, so atrociously exploited by so-called humans without a conscience. I also would like to here state my wholehearted support of any efforts the Humane Society of the United States has made in this regard.

Puppy mills proliferate inferior genetic material, to say nothing of the truly inhumane conditions these poor breeding dogs live in, so that someone can turn a profit. My opinion is that companion animal breeding ought to be confined to a very few, heavily regulated, conscientious experts. Your State is to be commended for its efforts to improve the situation. May I suggest to amend the legislation to exempt foster homes and shelters for rescue animals from this proposed legislation, and to regulate their activities separately.

Thank you for supporting the cause of animals depending totally on your protection!

Sincerely,



Trish Wegner
E-mail bobtrish7@aol.com

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Re: PUPPY MILLS

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing a letter in support of putting an end to Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania. Please change the regulations to include, doubling the minimum cage size, require daily exercise outside of the cage, require heat when temperature drops below 50 degrees, require air conditioning of fan when temperature rises about 85 degrees, improve ventilation in kennel areas and deny licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty with the past 10 years.

I also ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

I would like very much to see the abolishment of all Puppy Mills but if this is not possible, I would at least hope the above requirements could be met. Puppies and all animals are such a part of FAMILY life. If things are being done to regulate the system for children, then the same should be done for the animals!!! Thank you.

Sincerely,



JILL V. LEAMAN
213 Bloomingdale Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087

Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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H. D. Mattingly
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Naperville IL 60540

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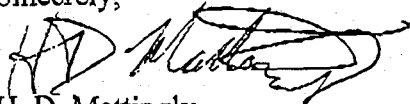
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H. D. Mattingly

E-mail pretzelbaker@aol.com

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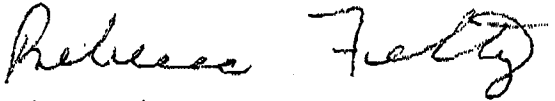
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I am strongly opposed to commercial breeding kennels where the costs are minimized by providing substandard care and conditions for the dogs in an effort to increase the profit. I am writing to request that you immediately take steps to address the horrific conditions in commercial kennels in Pennsylvania. Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage. And finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Felty

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TO: Dog Law Bureau Director Mary Bender, 717.772.4352
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Tara Gilley

Guardian of two wonderful pups rescued from inhumane conditions at two separate PA puppy mills

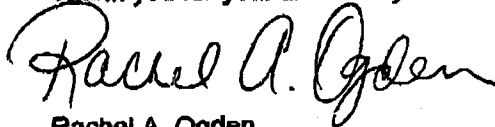
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Please immediately take steps to rectify the appalling conditions in the commercial kennels of Pennsylvania. I strongly oppose commercial breeding kennels, especially those where costs are minimized by providing inadequate care and conditions for the dogs in attempts to increase profit. It is necessary that each and every kennel be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. The regulations should also limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage. I am also requesting that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

As I am sure you are aware that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. A Pennsylvania pet store owner that I recently spoke with, who purchases his dogs from the mid west puppy mills, claims that he does it the correct way because he does not get his dogs from Pennsylvania puppy mills. I found it extremely telling that even people who deal with other puppy mills think Pennsylvania puppy mills are awful.

Thank you for your time and your attention to this matter.



Rachel A. Ogden

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Please Send A Fax to the Director of Dog Law Bureau and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission

1. Copy the sample letter and paste it into a software program like Word. You can use it as it is written but it would be much better if you modified it to fit your opinion. Unique letters are better than standard letters but it's important that they get the message. If you are a vet or a vet tech, please add that. If you work for a rescue organization or have puppy mill dogs in your home, please add that.

2. Be sure to sign your name. Faxes/letters must be signed or they will be ignored.

3. Fax the letter. See the fax numbers below.

Sample Letter

Dog Law Bureau Director, Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

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It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. Thank you.

Fax Numbers

Dog Law Bureau Director Mary Bender 717.772.4352

Independent Regulatory Review Commission 717.783.2664

Michael R. Fore

15547 73rd Pl. N

Maple Grove MN 55311

763 420 3731

From: Sherry Frey-Brown

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202 Mulberry Place

Douglassville, PA 19518

This is a message regarding the support of new, more humane regulations for dogs in Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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February 3, 2007

Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
Fax: 717-772-4352

Dear Ms. Bender:

I'm in full support of the new, more humane kennel regulations for dogs in Pennsylvania. These new rules will help puppy mill dogs in that they will be provided with more space, have better protection from the elements and will have time outside of their cages for exercise. It is time Pennsylvania clean up the cruel puppy mills that brutalize dogs and tarnish our state's image.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Christina R. Allen
880 Snyder Corner
Red Lion, PA 17356
717-246-5657

c: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

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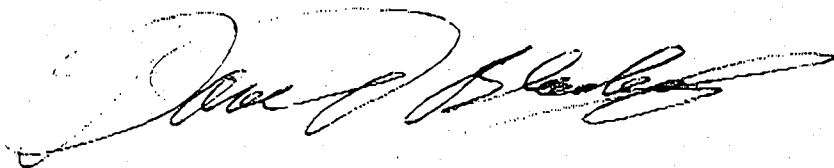
Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Att Mary Bender

I hope you will help all the puppies and dogs that are in the Mills in you state and make sure that the old laws are replaced with new laws that makes sure the dogs and puppies are treated humanely . You are the voice for them .

Thank You

David Blankenship

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Blankenship", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Attention: Department of Agriculture (Mary Bender)

I am dropping a quick letter hoping you will support the more humane regulations for puppy mills in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time,

Joe Hollerich

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Hello Dog Law Bureau Director, Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. The proposed regulations by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that were recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices. Please be honest and tell the press that the dogs do not have heat and are freezing to death!!!

I am strongly opposed to commercial breeding kennels where the costs are minimized by providing substandard care and conditions for the dogs in an effort to increase the profit. I am writing to request that you immediately take steps to address the horrific conditions in commercial kennels in Pennsylvania. Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage to two dogs. And finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

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Thank you.



Anna K Schuetz

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Prisoners of Greed

Puppmills Breed Misery

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2/09/2007

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission,

I am appalled and disgusted by the thought of puppy mills. How sad and cruel that "Man's Best Friend" is treated this way. Not an honorable way to make a living. I fully support the changes submitted by the Coalition Against Misery.

Thank you,
Jana Broaddrick

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Jana Broaddrick

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Oklahoma

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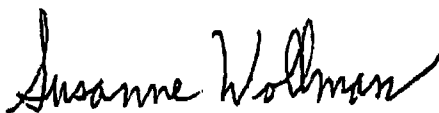
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I have adopted two dogs that were used as breeding dogs in a commercial kennel, i.e. puppy mill. My 6 year old female Pomeranian was unlucky enough to be a good breeder. When she was rescued after 6 years, she had to have 20 teeth pulled because they were rotting in her mouth due to substandard food and non-existent vet care. She was lucky that her jaw did not break from so many teeth extractions. After 9 months of freedom, she still runs away in fear from everyone but me, which should tell you how she was treated in that commercial kennel. In the richest country in the world, we allow an industry to exist where man's best friend routinely suffers frostbite or worse, freezes to death because heat and cooling is not considered part of humane treatment. I am ashamed that we as Americans allow this to happen!

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Susanne Wollman
St. Louis Park, MN

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Allison M. Hetrick

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16 Park Mountain
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(210)381-8412
AllisonHetrick@hotmail.com

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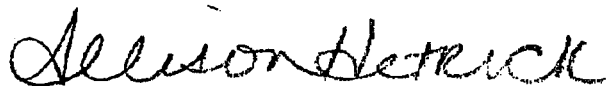
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It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. As a former resident of this lovely state, I am embarrassed by all of this attention that Pennsylvania attracts because the law has not been changed in an effort to end puppy mills. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs.

Sincerely,



Allison Hetrick

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Dog Law Bureau Director, Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

**Please do lead with integrity. We all need a kinder world.
Pennsylvania should not be renowned for its cruelty for animals. It
has much finer qualities as a state.**

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Elizabeth S. Shulman, Ph.D.
377 N Lake Way
Palm Beach, FL 33480

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VIA FACSIMILE - 717.783.2664

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Sincerely,



Michelle R. Crandall

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I am writing this letter in support of more humane regulations on puppy mills. As a dog owner and lover, I feel it is a matter of pure common sense to have the decency to protect these animals from harsh weather and inconsiderate human beings motivated by greed. It should also be noted that these animals have the right to exercise and adequate living space. These puppies are defenseless against ill intentioned breeders. How cruel that we disregard the needs of man's best friend.

Sincerely,



Amie Guarino

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 6, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 1710

Jennifer Evans
PO Box 102
East Texas, PA 18046

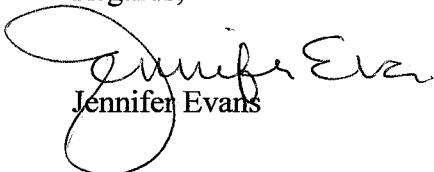
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to urge the Department of Agriculture to adopt the new proposed regulations that will change the conditions in inhumane Pennsylvania puppy mills. However, I do think that humane organizations and foster homes should be exempt from these regulations since it would place undue hardship on organizations already struggling to help animals day to day.

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,


Jennifer Evans

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Marjorie-Ann Faucher
808 American General Drive
Easton, PA 18040

February 5, 2007

Mary Bender
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Fax: (717) 772-4352

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RE: CHANGES TO KENNEL REGULATIONS

Ms. Bender,

I am writing to show my support for the changes to the regulations that affects dogs in puppy mills. It's embarrassing and disgusting that animals are allowed to be kept in deplorable conditions and I'm glad to see changes taking place to address this.

Animals need room to move, daily exercise, adequate heating and cooling, and sanitary living conditions. The consequences against people who deny them these basic living conditions in the pursuit of profit should be strong and expensive. They must also never have the opportunity to hurt other animals again.

I appreciate the labor and time The Humane Society of the United States spent on this issue and I hope their comments are taken into consideration. I also want to thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marjorie-Ann Faucher

CC:

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Fax: 717-783-2664

Robert C. Wonderling
State Senator
Fax: (717) 787-8004

Hon. Richard T. Grucela
State Representative
Fax: (717) 783-3180

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Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
Fax: 717-772-4352

It is past time for Pennsylvania to make significant improvements to the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial dog breeding operations. I support the Humane Society's recommendations on this matter and ask that you accept and enforce them quickly.

Jennifer Bilotta
8539 Trumbauer Dr.
Wyndmoor, PA 19038

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I would like to voice my whole-hearted support for the new, more humane regulations that would dramatically improve living conditions for thousands of dogs. I would also like to give my support for the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States.

Thank you and hopefully we can finally do "the right thing" for animals and clean up Pennsylvania's image.

Sincerely



Diane Cirafesi
405 West Market Street
West Chester, PA 19382

19 Morningside Drive
Lansdale, PA 19446

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Department of Agriculture
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Attn: Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

Please adopt the new, more humane regulations for commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania. Further, I fully support the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States regarding more humane regulations.

Sincerely,



Jeff Sapp

CC:
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

485 Kurt Drive
Blue Bell, PA 19422

February 2, 2007

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Attn: Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender:

Please clean up Pennsylvania's cruel puppy mills, which brutalize dogs and tarnish the state's image. I respectfully urge you to adopt the new, more humane regulations for commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania. Further, I fully support the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States regarding more humane regulations.

Sincerely,


Lorna Murray

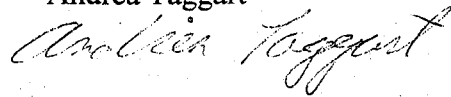
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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dept. of Agriculture
Attn. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron st
Harrisburg, Pa 17110-9408

Ms. Bender,

I am writing to you in light of the new proposed laws to regulate puppy mills. I agree with the United States Humane Society in that the cage sizes should be doubled, the animals should also be provided exercise out of the cage several times through out the day, if temperatures go below 50 degrees heat should be provided, same goes for temperatures above 85 degrees there should be an air conditioner, better ventilation for kennels, and denying anyone with a history of animal cruelty of obtaining a kennel license. I believe there should be a cap on the number of different breeds per establishment, and there needs to be more enforcement of the proposed changes. As of right now we definitely have a shortage in humane officers in the state of pa. We need more surprise inspections to enforce the laws. Please consider making the new requests a change for the better of the animals.

Sincerely,
Andrea Taggart



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Donald P. Conwell
4 Brentfort Court
Collegeville, PA 19426

2/5/2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

It is imperative that we make Pennsylvania a better place for animals by improving the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect our commercial dog breeding operations. Specifically, the detailed comments by The Humane Society of The United States need to be adopted.

Please do whatever you can to ensure that dogs in Pennsylvania puppy mills are treated with the utmost of kindness and compassion.

"If we do not do something to help these creatures, we make a mockery of the whole concept of justice."-Jane Goodall

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Donald P. Conwell

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*Ability Kennel
531 S. Crawford Rd
Hummelstown, PA 17036*

January 20, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

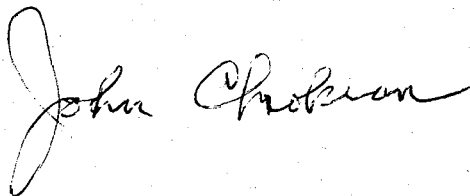
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Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



Is This Another Rendell Screw up?

**Livingston Kennel
5301 Mountain Rd
Chambersburg, PA 17201**

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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January 31, 2007

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I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

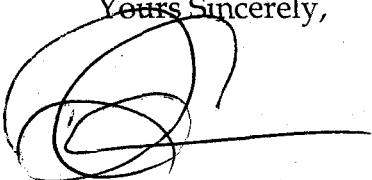
The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

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Yours Sincerely,



Eli Brenneman
706 Davis Rd
Salisbury, PA 15558

January 31, 2007

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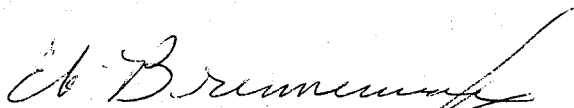
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Sincerely,



P.S. Walk a little terrier for 20 min in zero weather ??
or an English Bulldog in 90° weather ??



Mr Steven B King
274 W Center Square Rd
Leola, PA 17140-9726

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 23, 2007

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January 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

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Yours sincerely,



Zimmerman's Glenbrook Kennel
101 Glenbrook Rd
Leola, PA 17540

**C & L Kennel
1526 Milton Grove Rd
Mount Joy, PA 17552**

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January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Curtis J. Martin

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Yours Sincerely,

Catherine Hostetler

Catherine Hostetler
6922 E. Back Mountain Rd
Reedsville, PA 17084

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330 West Back Mountain Rd
Belleville, PA 17004

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330 W. Back Mountain Rd
Belleville, PA 17004**

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Allison GAP Kennel

**Knega Kennels
101 Grist Mill Rd
Glen Mills, PA 19342**

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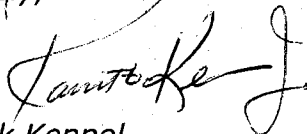
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Hickory Creek Kennel
900 Alpine Rd
Bridgeville, PA 15017

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Lydia Weaver
387 Cottontail Road
Martinsburg, PA 16662

*Beaver Run Kennel
401 Rader Rd
Philipsburg, PA 16866*

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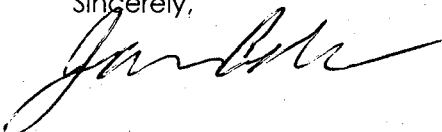
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W A Kennel
Rd 1 Box 597
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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**K-9 Bed & Breakfast Boarding Kennels
60 Church St
Curwensville, PA 16833**

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Greg Happs owner
Karen Crissler - manager

**Kings Kennel
137 Townlane Rd
Rebersburg, PA 16872**

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Susan A Newton
635 S. Sixth St.
Jeannette, PA 15644

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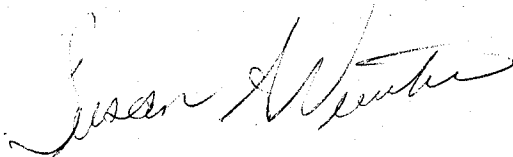
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Sunvalley
1277 Latrobe Crabtree Rd
Latrobe, PA 15650

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Oak Grove Kennels
Rd 2 Box 19D Hoover Dr.
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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125 Tom Cat Hollow Rd
Smithfield, PA 15478

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161 Yeany Lane
Mayport, PA 16240

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January 30, 2007

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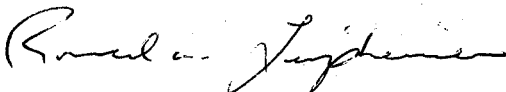
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Swamp Run Kennel
20 Basham Lane
Grove City, PA 16127

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LEON N. ZIMMERMAN
898 FIVEPOINTVILLE RD
STEVENS, PA 17578

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Leon N. Zimmerman

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303 W. SPRUCE ST
MARIENVILLE, PA 16239

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Stoney Pastures Puppy Haven
362 School Lane Rd
Gap, PA 17527

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EUGENE PEACHEY
RURAL ROUTE # 2, Box 291
HUNTINGDON, PA 16652

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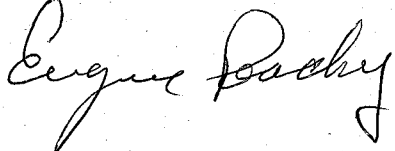
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BIRD CREEK RD.
GILLETT, PA 16925

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Yours sincerely,

Benjamin J. Fisher

Stormy Ridge Kennel

183 Field Ln

Centre Hall, PA 16828

PARKVIEW KENNELS
2180 RIDGE RD
SOUTH PARK, PA 15129

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Maureen J. Clark
Owner

PAMPERED PUPS
5285 ERIE ST
EDINBURG, PA 16116

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724 667 9268

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MID VALLEY RD
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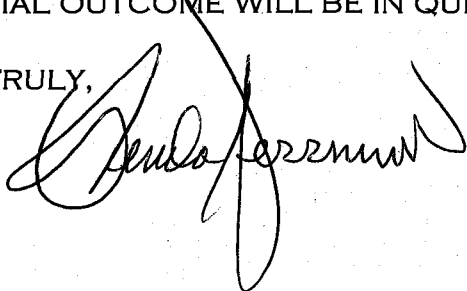
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SAMUEL D. PEACHEY
HC 61 Box 599 B
MILL CREEK, PA 17060

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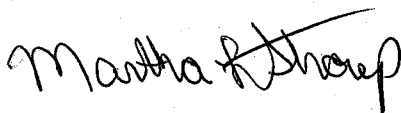
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Martha Stroup
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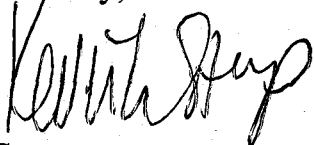
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Gary Curt 2-2-07

Triple CCC Kennel
3964 River Rd
Troy, PA 16947

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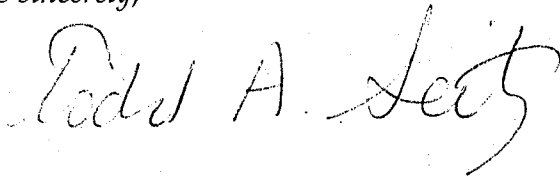
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Twin Maples Kennel
665 N. Biesecker Rd
Thomasville, PA 17364

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Stratford Yorkshire Terriers
8 Teal Rd
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

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3559 Silver Creek
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Ms Susan Weber
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Roaring Spg, PA 16673

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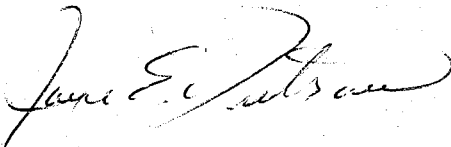
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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Summer Mountain Kennel
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Loganton, PA 17747

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Yours sincerely,



Bonnie Sullivan
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Mansfield, PA 16933

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January 24, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a Pennsylvania breeder, I am strongly opposed to the overly restrictive rules and regulations that are proposed for kennel owners. The enforcement of regulations such as these will effectively serve to shut down or severely curtail the activities of the concerned, caring and law-abiding breeders in Pennsylvania. The extensive number of regulations outlined in this proposal and the limited time allotted prevents the proper consultation and review of these regulations with our kennel veterinarian and other professionals. Therefore, in order to allow for the proper review and consultation of this extensive proposal, I request a ninety-day extension of the comment period.

As a Pennsylvania breeder, my goal and the goal of other law-abiding breeders is to raise the best quality and healthiest puppy possible. This is not the issue. Unfortunately, the issue created by this proposal is my rights as a citizen of this state to own property, and my rights to be afforded due process guaranteed by the provisions of our state's constitution. The vagueness of this proposal causes great concern that my rights as a citizen will be omitted by the bias opinion of those who will hear my side of the story.

As a Pennsylvania breeder, I am concerned that these overly burdensome regulations will have severe unforeseen consequences. These include reduced number of breeders willing to deal with the excessive administrative burden caused by these regulations. The shortages of puppies and resulting higher prices, which will encourage the import of oversea and out of state puppies. The ensuing shortages will provide a lucrative opportunity for those who operate beneath the law to fill these shortages. Those who participate in this black market will find the rewards well worth the risk. Additionally, the economic loss to the state will be in the millions, and will go far beyond the breeder to include pet supply retailers, cities who sponsor shows, and state tax revenue.

As a Pennsylvania breeder, I believe it is unfortunate that this proposal appears to be more about animal activism than about animal welfare. You only have to consider the one section that permits shelters and other similar facilities that provide a "service" to be exempt from these regulations. I immediately question the intent behind those who are pushing the governor on this issue. What sense does it make to remove animals from a substandard facility and place them in another substandard facility? None! Furthermore, this proposal has no incentives or educational programs for the breeders. It is all threats and punishment, which is another indication, that the motives of those supporting this proposal are more interested in eliminating our industry than in improving our industry.

Sincerely,

Larry Muller Jr.

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The proposals referencing to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Moreover, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

The current proposal claims to be a general list of ideas to improve the breeding environment for dogs, which are neither substantiated by science nor attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices. A better idea would be for Pennsylvania to adopt USDA type standards.

I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,



Samuel Fisher
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Ronks, PA 17572

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Yours Sincerely,

Anna Ruth Fisher

Double A Kennels
6756 McClays Mill Rd
Newburg, PA 17240

Karen and Kent Shaver
165 Kyle Road
Valencia, PA 16059-2707
Liebran Kennels

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Dear Ms. Bender:

My husband and I have owned purebred dogs, and show dogs for most of our lives. We have been breeders the last 30 years. We have raised healthy, socialized puppies in our home and made sure they went to good homes. I was very shocked to find that the current proposals would effect not only the "puppy mill" breeders, but those that are dedicated to raising healthy, happy puppies for the public. We spend a lot of money on seminars, genetic testing, etc. before even picking breeding pairs. Our hearts and pockets go into trying to raise the best puppies we can. This law would adversely effect us, as well as other *reputable* breeders. I am sure you have read the following previously, but I just want to reiterate some of the problems. I have heard that there have been some changes to the proposed new rules already, is there a website where I can read about these changes? If so, please let me know at: liebran@connecttime.net

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

- * The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate.
- * The obligations of owners of "temporary housing" which are made subject to inspection by the proposal are not enumerated or limited.
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The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

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Sincerely,


Mrs. Karen A. Shaver, R.N., B.S. (biology)
Breeder of Irish Water Spaniels
Owners of other pet dogs

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Windsor NY 13865
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a concerned dog owner commenting on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. Although I live in New York State, I board my dogs in Pennsylvania when I go out of town and I attend a number of dog-related events in Pennsylvania each year - including agility and herding trials and dog club activities. I belong to the American Tending Breeds Association which is a Pennsylvania club. I take herding lessons and herding clinics in Pennsylvania.

I am deeply upset about inhumane and substandard kennel conditions when they are found to exist, but I believe that any problems can be addressed by enforcing current regulations. These proposed regulation changes will be very costly to small businesses and local governments with lack of adequate evidence or justification. In addition, the regulations appear to be written in ways that will have unintended consequences.

The regulatory impact statement indicates that it will cost most kennel owners, who already comply with existing regulations, an additional \$5,000 to \$20,000 to comply. These are small businesses and I do not think they have this kind of money. A family-owned boarding kennel probably nets about \$30,000 a year - how are they going to be able to comply with these regulations and what is your basis for demanding these changes? I am very concerned that the kennel where I board my dogs will go out of business.

The definition of "temporary housing" could also cause many unintended consequences. I go to herding clinics, for example, at farms in Pennsylvania. If more than 26 dogs in a year visit these farms for the purpose of taking herding lessons, will these farms then be considered kennels and have to get kennel licenses? Given the costs and strange requirements of this proposed law, I think they will simply have to stop offering training opportunities instead. If you have a livestock industry in Pennsylvania, you need trained herding dogs and this could be affected by these proposed regulations.

Furthermore, I notice a big difference in the roads and upkeep when I cross the border into Pennsylvania. The rural townships in my area are really struggling to provide basic services and infrastructure given their tax bases. Where are they going to get an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year to enforce these regulations?

Dog owners, particularly those involved in dog shows and other dog sports, are organizing to boycott shows in states or cities that pass unreasonable dog legislation. I have heard that outrage from the dog fancy may cost the Louisville Kentucky area as much as \$6 million dollars as many participants are planning to boycott the large Louisville shows this spring or to stay and eat outside of Louisville if they do attend. Look at the economic impact of dog show and performance events in Pennsylvania and consider the potential effects of unneeded regulations on attendance. No one is,

for example, going to pay to get a veterinary health certificate every time they bring their dog to an event in Pennsylvania - they will simply stop coming.

The proposed regulations seem to be a bad idea. Put more money and effort into enforcing existing regulations. I think you need to more carefully consider the economic consequences of these regulations and withdraw the proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara Reiter".

Sara Reiter

Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission

7901 Henry Ave., Apt. C-107
Philadelphia, PA 19128

January 31, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 11710-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,

My name is Diane Weil. I reside at 7901 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128. I am a member of both the Delaware Valley Yorkshire Terrier Club and the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America. I have been active in the sport of dogs since 1972, when I purchased my first Yorkie. I am active in my breed club and endeavor on a daily basis to inform myself of new information in the sciences that pertain to my breed and dogs in general.

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that the inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

The list of proposals is indeed too long for me to address each proposal individually. I will address several points of concern to me.

Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. Compliance would burden the small hobby breeder financially and in many situations, physical change to the property would be impossible.

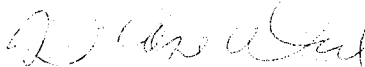
Also of concern is "The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate.

Another point of concern being, "The proposals to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices. To assume that the size of a dog would dictate a hostile environment, based solely on that issue, is not correct. Yes, a Jack Russell Terrier may be the size of a large Yorkie but in no way at all would their temperaments be the same. Yet, I have seen Yorkies interact with a gentle spirit and no fear with a Standard Poodle. Also, one must give the owner of these dogs credit for being intelligent and educated providers for their beloved pets. Surely none of us would put our dog in danger. Our dogs are bred not only for good health and adherence to the standard put forth by AKC, but also they are bred for temperament.

I am most hopeful that clear thinking individuals will vote down the suggested proposals. We want the best for those animals whose lives are so intertwined with ours. The proposed laws would not enrich the lives of our dogs but in many instances, would actually endanger them... physically, spiritually and cognitively.

Thank you for consideration of this post. I am grateful for your time.

Sincerely,



Diane Weil

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Dear Ms. Bender:

The proposed revisions to legislation in the State of PA regarding laws pertaining to dogs, their ownership, breeding and housing has recently come to my attention. I felt it necessary to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006 as I believe several of the proposals will ultimately create significant problems for the average pet dog owner, and their immediate communities. I am a certified pet dog trainer who believes in using positive training methods. I teach group classes at the Dog Training Club of Chester County. Through the club I see a wide variety of dogs, from a wide variety of upbringings and backgrounds. It is imperative that a puppy has proper socialization from birth in order to become, later in life, a well-balanced family and community member. If as is proposed all puppies are raised outside the home, the risk that proper socialization will not occur is excellent.

Characteristics of inappropriately socialized dogs include dogs that are afraid of people and other dogs. When afraid, dogs either become shrinking violets or reactive (aggressive). We see this frequently in dogs that were born into a puppy mill situation. However, those that were home raised (in the house with family) have a much greater frequency of being well-adjusted fun dogs to be around.

Examples of problems with the proposal, as I understand it, include the following:

- There is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.
- The regulations will require wholesale renovation, if not rebuilding, of many kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. There is no scientific foundation for the arbitrary, rigid engineering standards specified.
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The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a member of the Harrisburg Beagle Club. The Membership has asked that I voice there opposition to the proposed Dog Law Regulations. The Harrisburg Beagle Club was organized in 1948. Our property is located in Fairview Township, York County. We have approximately 152 acres used for the training of Beagles and running Field Trials. Since it's organization the club has held hundreds of Field Trial events Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club.

The Club submit's the following comments on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. The Clubs Members believe inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and /or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

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The proposal that outdoor facilities, including runs and exercise areas shall be kept free of grass is ludicrous. This proposal would in effect mean dogs could not be trained in grassy areas, dogs could not be used for hunting or field trials since they are run in grassy areas.

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Sincerely The Harrisburg Beagle Club,

*Donald R. Kraly for
the Harrisburg Beagle Club*

Donald R. Kraly Field Trial Secretary
164 Penns Woods Lane
Loysville, Pa. 17047

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

January 28, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Clyde Morrow and I reside at 3619 North 4th St., Harrisburg, Pa. I am a member and Vice-President of the Harrisburg Beagle Club and a member of Swatara Beagle Club. I have owned and raised Beagles since my teens and have participated in running them in field trials for the last forty years. As a responsible dog owner I am very concerned about the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations.

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and /or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

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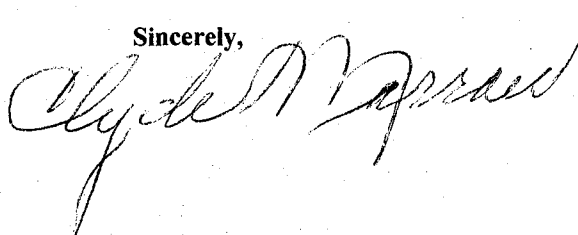
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Dear Ms. Bender:

My Name is Shirley Patterson. I live in Chester County, 2102 Chestnut Court, Pottstown, PA. I have been involved with dogs for a good 30 years. I have bred and shown Yorkshire Terriers for 25 years. I am a member of many local kennels, Obedience and Agility Clubs as well as National Breed Clubs. I have trained my dogs to be welcomed as family pets,

As Therapy Dogs and as a part of my own personal forever family. They are my life and my hobby. I abide by the present Dog Laws set forth in PA. I am an educated breeder. Attending all types of Educational seminars to enhance the health and welfare of my animals.

1) I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that "Mans Best Friend" should not live their lives in kennels that have substandard conditions that are in-humane and detrimental to the physical and emotional health of the animal, however the regulatory changes that are being proposed create unnecessary and unenforceable situations for most hobby/show Kennels. These changes will not improve the quality of life for dog in a Class 1 Kennel because those dogs are already living in conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standard. The benefits that these dogs have now would be taken away rather than being improved. Why would one want to do that? Makes no common sense.

2. Temporary Housing:

Why regulate temporary housing? There is no mass production of puppies in that situation that will need to be housed in laboratory type conditions. Temporary housing needs to be reevaluated by individuals who are familiar with the practices involving a hobby/show breeding type home kennel as well as temporary homes for rescued dogs. What obligations would be imposed upon them ????

3. Animal Husbandry:

a) Space: There are some breeds of dogs that want a cave type space rather than a wide-open space. There are breeds that need a Queen size bed space and there are breeds that need a small round circular pillow space. Space is usually breed specific. Extreme standardization involving space required for the cumulative number of dogs in a kennel situation where the count only ever reaches half the number of dogs your kennel license allows but you are by law expected to comply with space for the total number is unrealistic and needs more discussion.

Toy breeds are companion animals to the extreme their space is near you so being housed out in a separate building is not the answer for a hobby /show kennel where people search for a homebred family pet rather than a laboratory conditioned pet.

b) Exercise requirements: Not all breeds need to be walked for 20 minutes. It is a fact that Toy breeds get enough exercise just running around the floor. Not all Breeds want to go outside. How many humans walk for 20 minutes? Sure we walk from the TV to the refrigerator several times. We do sit in our chairs a lot—at home and at work. Hey, these dogs will be in better health than any of us humans.

4. Specified Standards: The amount required to renovate a facility to the "Laboratory type" Standards to comply with the proposed regulations I feel is definitely not an accurate figure. It will cost far more to comply with the proposed cumulative amount per kennel class because you will definitely have to enlarge your kennel.

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Sincerely,


Shirley A. Patterson

231 Park Dr. West
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February 1, 2007

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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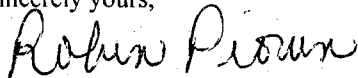
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pa. Dog Law regulations issued on Dec 16th 2006. My name is Robyn Hand and I live at 4934 Millstone Road Glen Campbell, Pa 15742. I have been involved in dogs (Breeding, Showing in confirmation and obedience, good citizenship, therapy, etc.) for over 25 years. My dogs are part of our household as well. I belong and am active in several kennel and parent breed clubs. I am on the Board of directors of the Skye Terrier Club of America.

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1910 First Fork RD
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I have a male and female AKC reg. toy poodle, which live in my home and are my dear pets.. I breed them atleast once a year, (and don't feel this makes me a terrible person.) and sell the puppies. She usually has 3 to 4 pups. I am very upset with the new dog laws being enacted across the country. I love having puppies, and enjoy hearing from the people who have purchased my pups. I have never gotten a complaint or bad review, from any of my buyers. A few have come back and purchased from me again. My pups are always vet checked and utd on there shots before I pass them on, unless the buyer prefers to do this their selves. These laws are to strict and I feel they infringe on my wrights as a citizen of the US. More and more of our wrights are taken from us everyday. I feel this is no longer America the land of the free. It is America the land of no wrights just rules and regulations. With these strict rules and regulations comes high priced penalties, which I feel is another way to take money from the average citizen. Although I do feel we need some way to control the abuse of uncaring cruel owners, but most of the new laws won't stop the abusive owners only make it harder and more expensive for the honest "PET" owners.

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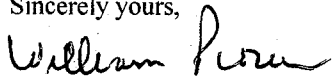
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January 30, 2007

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Yours sincerely,

Paulene Gook owner

Tuscarora Kennel's
RR 1 Box 22
East Waterford, PA 17021

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Martha Newswanger
RD #2, Box 185
Williamsburg, PA 16693

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Yours truly,

Martha Newswanger

Mountain View Kennel
2069 Pine Road
Newville, PA 17241

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January 26, 2007

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Oberjoch Kennels
2800 Reach Rd
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John D. Lenger

The Hush Puppy Kennel
RR 2 Box 181 West
Thompsontown, PA 17094

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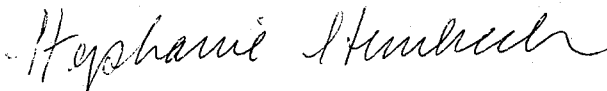
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Noah G. Martin

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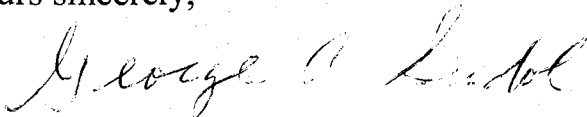
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RR 2 Box 73
Watsontown, PA 17777

Warren Nolt
RR 1 Box 597
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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1-31-07

Mustang Poms Kennel
Rd 1 Box 89H Mutt Rd.
Litchfield, PA 18840

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January 26, 2007

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Mr. Robert Joseph Baska

Linda Nolt
PO Box 2372
Martindale, PA 17549

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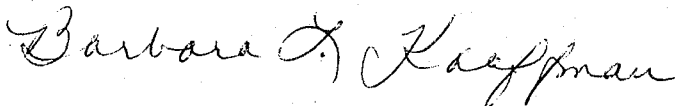
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2120 Columbia Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603

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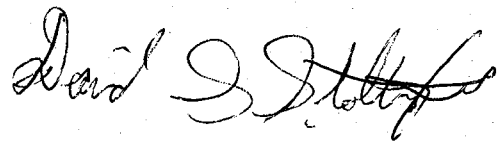
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Gap, PA 17527

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David Lamar Martin
1625 Clay Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Carole N. Shirk

The Dog Den- Boarding Kennel
101 S. Groffdale Rd
Leola, PA 17540

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Fred B. Snair

Snairs Kennel
Moore Avenue
Mount Union, PA 17066

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Marvin Newswenger
340 East Brubaker Valley Road
Lititz, PA 17543

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Maree Weaver

Union Canal Kennel
1705 Russell Rd
Lebanon, PA 17046

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Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

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Virginia Ann Druell Hopper

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Teresa Kramnik

24 W Pine St.

Enoch, PA 17025

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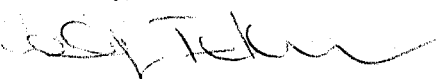
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Stephen A. Malandra

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Delores J. Johnston
7 Graystone Rd
North East, MD 21701

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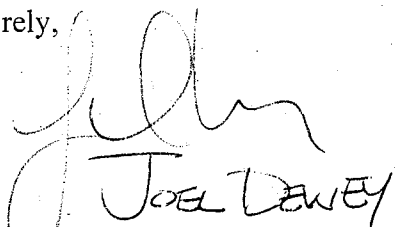
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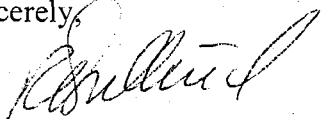
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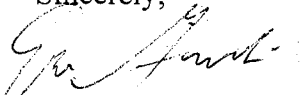
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In addition: -L.H. RAYNOR

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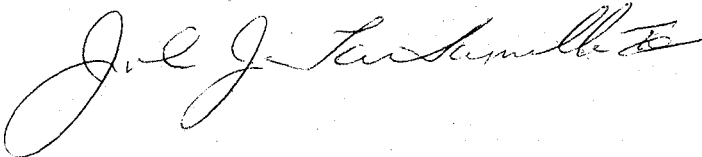
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Tree-Beri Farms Boarding Kennels
637 Grahams Wood Rd
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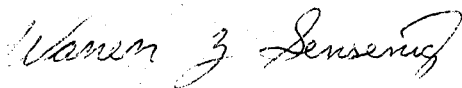
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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

Mervin W. Zimmerman

Sunny Side Kennel
735 Cold Run Road
Millmont, PA 17845

North Star Beagles
3429 Whistler Rd
Stoystown, PA 15563

2559

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

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The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

Wallace Berkebile

Oak Bend Road Kennel
34 Oak Bend Rd
Newburg, PA 17240

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January 30, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Yours truly, *Reuben M. Zook*

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January 30, 2007

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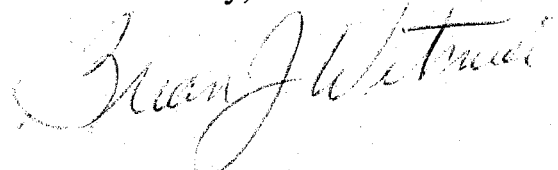
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Yours sincerely,



Stoneledge Boarding Kennel
271 River Rd
Auburn, PA 17922

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Jonas Beiler
196 Blank Road
Narvon, PA 17555

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January 18, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Jonas A. Beiler

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Yours sincerely, *Edna M. Brubaker*

Strawberry Lane Kennel
40 Lenge Road
Myerstown, PA 17067

Linda Martin
1526 Milton Grove Rd
Mount Joy, PA 17552

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



*Reuben Brenneman
706 Davis Rd
Salisbury, PA 15558*

January 31, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender,

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Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Reuben E Brenneman

Mammoth Kennels
216 Sugar Run Rd
Avella, PA 15312

January 30, 2007

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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REVIEW COMMISSION

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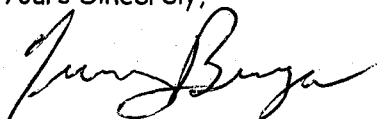
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 22, 2007

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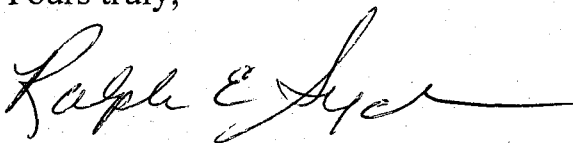
I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA Standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,



Pet Place
5522 Shaffer Road, Ste 128
Dubois, PA 15801

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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January 20, 2007

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Judy Glass
P O Box 664
Carrolltown, PA 15722

**Elsie Carbaugh
2730 Jack Road
Chambersburg, PA 17201**

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

Elsie Carbaugh

Branca's Toy Poodles
19 Louella Dr.
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

January 31, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVENUE COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

Enforce present dog laws to rid us of puppy mills, & hire honest hard working people to do this.

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My dogs would die if this was in force - what did I thought this was?
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Sincerely,

Pauline Branca proud owner & breeder of fine toy poodles 11 champions to date - my dogs

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January 20, 2007

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Lloyd E. Gerhart
139 W. King Street
Ephrata, PA 17522

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REVIEW COMMISSION

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 27, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

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Yours sincerely,



Working Dog Inc.
RR 7 Box 7297
Saylorsburg, PA 18353

Canine Country Inc
617 N. Bethlehem Pike
Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATION
REVIEW COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

Lynela Raitelle

**Lucanna Kennels
202 Rebecca Ln
Coatesville, PA 19320**

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Lou & Karen Guglielmo

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Mervin M. Hoover
380 Limestone Road
Milton, PA 17847

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
K9ENW COMMISSION

January 31, 2007

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

Mervia Hoover

Mervia Hoover
308 Limestone Rd
Milton, PA 17847

Joe S. Byler
19526 Sweetwater Rd.
Dry Run, PA 17220

January 30, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Sincerely,

Joe S. Byler

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 31, 2007

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Yours Sincerely,

Laura L Horst

Laura L Horst
4230 Chapman Hollow Rd
Mount Pleasant Mills, PA 17853

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Yours sincerely,

Mary E. Ehrenberger, Owner
Whispering Winds Boarding Kennel
826 Whitestown Rd
Butler, PA 16001

Schrock's General Store

43342 Penoyer Rd
Spartansburg, PA 16434
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Yours truly,

Lawrence A. Schrock

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

Having purchased dogs from wonderful, ethical, breeders and boarded them in clean, air conditioned/heated boarding kennels, owned and operated by animal loving, ethical professionals, I feel compelled to voice my opinion.

Although, perhaps, well intentioned, the proposed amendments of December 16, 2006 to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations greatly concern me.

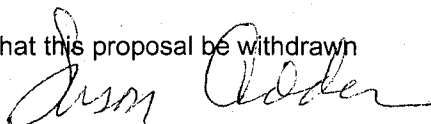
I agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, however, I emphatically disagree with the proposed regulatory changes.

I believe these changes are impractical, will create a great burden from a financial standpoint, will not be enforceable and, most importantly, will not improve the quality of the lives of the dogs entrusted to the aforementioned, ethical breeders and boarding kennels.

These regulations will also require wholesale renovation, if not rebuilding of many kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. Small, boarding kennels, and breeding facilities, whose care and conditions are far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.

These small breeders and boarding kennels would be forced out of business, face a loss of income, and deprive their communities of their outstanding services.

I strongly urge that this proposal be withdrawn


Sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

Elvin H Zimmerman

Zimmerman's Kennel
2854 Col John Kelly Rd
Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Lo-Rons Schnauzers Kennel
6323 Grindstone Hill Rd
Chambersburg, PA 17201**

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Yours Sincerely,

Ronald W. Mellott

**Back Acres Kennel
18460 Dry Run Rd West
Spring Run, PA 17262**

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January 22, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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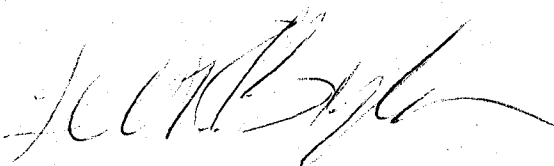
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Yours Sincerely,



Greenfield Kennel #1
1183 Reading Rd
Bowmansville, PA 17507

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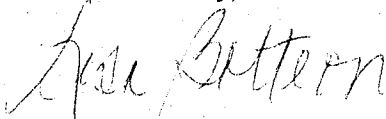
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Horse N' Hound Haven Kennel
1385 Hunterstown Hampton Rd
New Oxford, PA 17350

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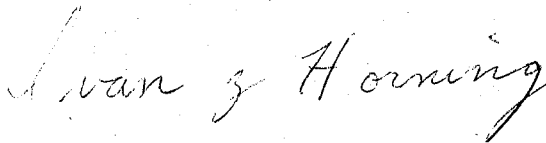
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Yours Sincerely,



Ivan Z. Horning
78 Centennial Rd.
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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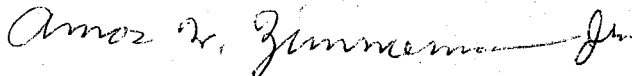
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Yours sincerely,



Amos W. Zimmerman Jr.
937 Glenwood Drive
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Yours truly,




Michael & Vonnie Chapman
590 North Lime Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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Florence J Horst

Horst's Tiny Terriers
145 Mountain View Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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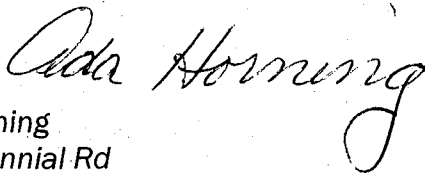
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Lighthouse Kennel
225 Upper Valley Rd
Christiana, PA 17509

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Thomas E. Mella
Stacia M. Mella

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M. Horst

Mary H Horst
1273 E Earl Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

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Janet H. Martin
250 Gehman Rd
Narvon, PA 17555

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Janet H. Martin

John R. Zimmerman
1087 Silver Hill Rd
Narvan, PA 17555

January 19, 2007

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Matthew M Martin
146 Mill Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Yours sincerely,

James E. and Jane L. Bunkholder

Whispering Spring Kennel
316 Good Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Yours sincerely,

Beverly A. H.T.

Winterest Kennels
305 Winterset Rd
Ebensburg, PA 15931

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Yours Sincerely,


Hallmark Farm Kennel
1516 Ewing Rd
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

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Yours Sincerely,

Margi Hill

Foxhill Toy Fox Terriers Kennel
1723 Treasure Lake
Dubois, PA 15801

P.S. I spoke with Harold Walstrom and he encouraged me to write to you!

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Yours sincerely,

windi-Pines Kennel
360 Wolfe Run Rd.
Freedom, PA 15042

*A Pet Getaway
RR 6 Box 1409
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666*

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Sincerely,

Courtney A. Calvert

**Kromerhaus Kennels Inc
991 Pear Rd
Walnutport, PA 18088**

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Kandy Kromer, Pres.

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Marcy L. Ellis

Four Paws Inn
3234 Burtner Rd
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

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Breuer's Ban Dogs
RR 2 Box 228B
Ulster, PA 18850

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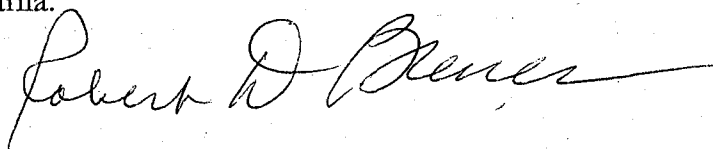
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S & S Kennel
383 Memorial Road
Lititz, PA 17543

Lester S. Martin
181 Martin Rd
New Holland, PA 17557

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Vera Martin
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New Holland, PA 17557

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Daniel J Peachey
4220 E. Back Mountain Rd
Belleville, PA 17004

Linda Brubacker
2170 Martin Brothers Road
Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853

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Leah S. Peachey

Peachey Kennels
145 Mill Rd
Allensville, PA 17002

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The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,



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January 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA Standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,

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January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

The proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely, *Henry Byler*

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license. *21.14 (b) Prohibitions on dealing with unlicensed Kennels.*

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

John M Horning