

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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INDEPENDENT REGULATOR  
REVIEW COMMISSION

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a small hobby breeder of Shetland Sheepdogs. I am writing this to discourage you from passing this new Dog regulation law. It would completely put me out of my small business. I sell my puppies to people who are looking for a sheltie to replace the beloved sheltie that they have just lost or replace the one that they had as a child. I sell all my puppies on a spay/neuter pet contract. I have a pet questionnaire that people have to fill out so I can evaluate the environment that my puppies will be placed in.

Our dogs live in the house with us and the puppies are whelped in the home as well. Which helps in socializing them for their future homes. We have our yards fenced in so we can keep our dogs safe. Which I feel is far Superior to those required by the proposed new standards, we would be unable to comply with the ridged commercial kennel standard.

The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Such egregious circumstances already violate existing regulations

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.

Sincerely  
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