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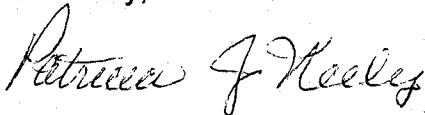
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Ms. Mary Bender:

I have been a resident of Pennsylvania and responsible dog owner my entire life. I am extremely concerned with the legislative changes that are proposed under the guise of improving the care of dogs in breeding establishments. Much like children, dogs learn their socialization during the early life. By changing the requirements for breeders, you are making it impossible residents without fortunes to buy pure bred pets. Meanwhile, you permit the puppy mills to flourish by allowing them to function with minimal intervention while coming down hard on people who work hard to care for their puppies. Instead of regulating this industry by throwing additional legislation at the responsible dog breeders, why not enforce the existing laws by putting disreputable puppy mills out of business? If this legislation of breeders continues, I will not only lose the ability to choose a well bred pet for my next puppy, but I look to a future where my choices are a puppy mill dog raised in a cement building with only other dogs to accompany her with an occasional visit from the owner, or paying thousands for an unsocialized animal. I hope you are able to see the error in the recent proposal and will support the right of people to choose the animal raised by kind and loving people. Please consider the impact of this proposal and acknowledge the absurdity of what it would do to the responsible family dog breeders. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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