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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

It is my understanding that your department has proposed new and amended kennel regulations. These changes to improve the living conditions of the breeding dogs in these commercial breeding facilities, and have been a long time coming and I am pleased that these changes are in the near future.

I wanted to let your department know 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 removing the dogs from their cage before being cleaned, adequate lighting and necessary heating and cooling when applicable, 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. I also believe that walking each dog in the kennel for at least 20 minutes a day is crucial for the healthy and well-being of these beautiful animals.

I also believe that the passage of these regulations will allow your department the distinguished reputation of making a difference in the lives of these animals and will be a national leader in the fight against animal cruelty.

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

Sincerely, *Robin Decker*