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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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

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Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Sheila Franks and I currently live in Luzerne County. My daughter has lived in Lancaster, PA for two year and has informed me of the commercial breeding issue in the County in which I am appalled.

I would first like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for taking a serious look at this horrible situation and for proposing new and amended kennel regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in hundreds of commercial breeding kennels specifically in Lancaster County.

**I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and look forward to their passage!**

I truly feel that the amended regulations will allow these animals, which are bred solely for profit, will allow them to be treated humanely and ethically.

For example, by simply removing the dogs and walking them for a minimum of twenty minutes a day will allow them to stretch and walk on something other than wire their whole lives. It will allow for proper socialization and will be more suited for a home rather than a dog that lives his/her whole life in confinement in a small cage. Also, by doubling the cage size will allow the animals an area to stretch out so that pain and arthritis does not set in as quickly. And a major improvement would be to require temperatures in which these dogs live be regulated. It would be inhumane to let a child in sub-zero temperatures....the same should ring true for the dogs.

Please keep in mind that dog breeding is NOT farming but is a business that needs proper regulation to ensure humane treatment of our canine companions and these proposed changes would help ensure that.

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

Sincerely,



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