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ATTN: ARTHUR COCCODRILLI, CHAIRMAN
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

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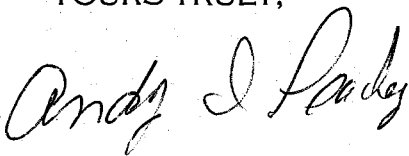
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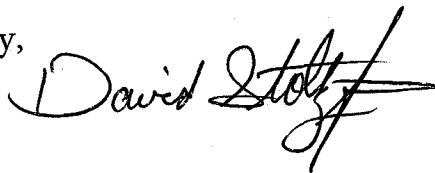
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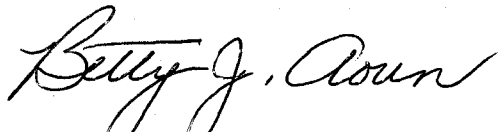
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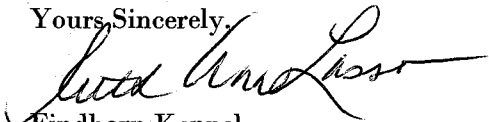
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Findhorn Kennel
65 Bitting Rd.
Alburtis, PA 18011

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Comstock's Country Kennel
RR 1 Box 590
Ulster, PA 18850

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Milroy, PA 17063

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Springbrook Kennels, Inc
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Moscow, PA 18444

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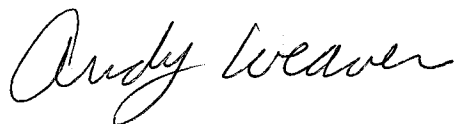
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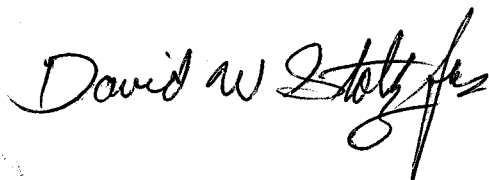
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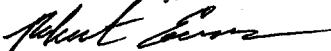
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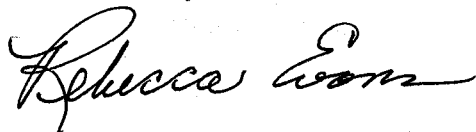
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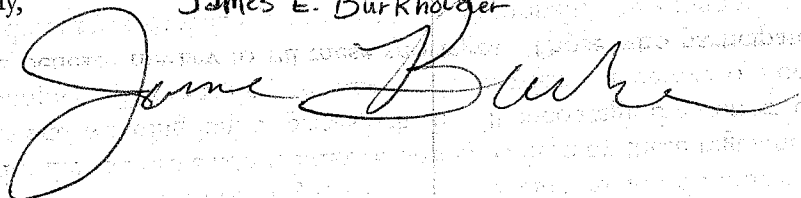
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Dear Arthur Coccodrilli,

I am writing you today to let you know that the inhumane treatment of dogs in Pennsylvania's puppy mills is a concern that needs to be addressed. I urge you to do something about it. I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. Current regulations **do not** ensure humane treatment and dogs. Pennsylvania is known by many as the "**puppy mill capital of the East.**" I sincerely want you to know that I want Pennsylvania's puppy mill kennel regulations to be a priority for Congress, because they're a big priority for me.

Changes that need to be addressed are the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills include the following requirements:

- » **doubling the minimum cage size for all dogs.**
- » **requiring daily exercise outside of the cage.**
- » **required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees.**
- » **required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees.**
- » **improving ventilation in kennel areas.**
- » **denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.**

Please take action to prevent neglect and mistreatment of dogs.

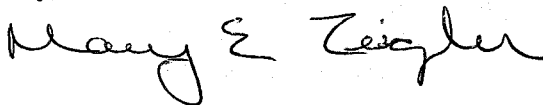
Some people may say "they're just dogs." I say to these people, "as we do, dogs get cold, overheat, feel pain and know mistreatment when it's being done to them.

It is now up to Congress to set tougher laws to keep all kennel licensed breeders in check with humane regulations. Congress needs to pass these changes to clean up the Puppy mill industry.

In closing I would like to state that we need Congress to improve animal care standards preventing neglect and mistreatment of dogs in puppy mills.

Please help to improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing to urge you to support the proposed changes to kennel regulations in Pennsylvania and help put an end to the exploitation of dogs. Specifically I support requirements to double the minimum cage size, require daily exercise outside of the cage, require heat or cooling when the temperature falls outside of the range of 50-85 degrees F, improving ventilation in kennel areas and denying licenses to any individual convicted of animal cruelty ever. I agree that animal shelters, rescue centers and foster homes should be exempt from some requirements that would jeopardize their ability to help abused and abandoned animals. I applaud the effort to make these changes in kennel regulations and hope that you will work to see they become a reality. Please let me know how I may help if needed.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen and dog owner

Sheila M. Knerr, MD, (and Lucy and Dave, my dogs)



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February 12, 2007

Attention: Dog Law Bureau Director Mary Bender 717.772.4352
Independent Regulatory Review Commission 717.783.2664

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I write this letter on behalf of all the dogs suffering in cruel and inhumane conditions in the State of Pennsylvania. It saddens and angers me that this treatment continues when it can easily be stopped.

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.

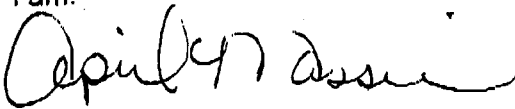
The Coalition Against Misery has submitted proposed changes to the commercial dog regulations. Their proposal addresses those areas that were not suitably addressed by the Department of Agriculture and I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery.

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.

I quote now from Mahatma Gandhi and hope that you take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Happy that I do not live in Pennsylvania, the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast,
I am:



April Massie
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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman

Mr. Coccodrilli,

Pennsylvania, very sadly is known as the "puppy mill capital of the east" For years Pennsylvania residents have called upon their legislators and regulators to clean up the cruel puppy mills that brutalize dogs and tarnish the state's image.

Last December, changes were suggested to improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania. If the proposed regulations are approved, dogs in Pennsylvania puppy mills will be provided more space, better protection from the elements and will have time outside of their cages for exercise. Please make your voice heard in support of this legislation.

It is my strong hope that one day puppy mills will not exist and that Pennsylvania will be a leader in demanding this respect for dignified animal life. But if we must take small steps toward, then now is the time for Pennsylvanians to shape the future of puppy mills.

Sincerely,



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Elkins Park, PA 19027
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the outdated regulations for "puppy mills" in PA. A dog lover myself, and owner of two dogs, I have always been appalled when I heard about the deplorable conditions in these commercial breeding operations. I think it is sad that our state has the reputation of "puppy mill capital of the East".

Provisions such as increasing cage size, better exercise requirements, proper heat, ventilation, and cooling will make such a difference for the dogs. These new proposed regulations, however, should not be required for temporary animal shelter or foster homes, as separate standards should be set for these situations.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. The fact that I took the time to write it is evidence of my concern for animal welfare in this state.

Sincerely,



Marie E. Leonard

February 13, 2007

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to ask your support to implement changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in Pennsylvania to the following:

- Doubling the minimum cage size
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- Required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Required cooling (by fan or air conditioner) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty with the past 10 years

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

I hear so many stories day-to-day about poorly run puppy mills. I feel it is my duty as a Humane Society of the United States member to make my voice heard for all animals that are treated inhumanely and are raised in deplorable conditions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue. I hope that you will support the new, more humane regulations proposed above.

Sincerely,



Nancy Reihl
King of Prussia, PA Resident

cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Bob Casey, Pennsylvania Democratic Senator
Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania Republican Senator
Joe Sestak, Pennsylvania Democratic Representative

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I support the regulatory changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery.

The draft regulations that were recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

Animals are freezing to death. Animals are being neglected. Animals are being abused. Let's do something about this.

**Meagan Baalman
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Dog Law Bureau Director

Mary Bender

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

717.783.2664

February 12, 2007

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.

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. These are lives that we are dealing with! And they are literally freezing to death this time of year.

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.

Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. You have the power to improve these horrific conditions and save lives.

Please make the changes necessary to end the suffering that is occurring.

Thank you.

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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.

This year I fostered a 9-year-old Chihuahua that came from a puppy mill in Missouri. Imagine - living 9 years in a wire cage with no medical care, a heart murmur, infected ears, splayed feet from the wire, a permanent cough, no socialization - this was one terrified & sick little dog when I got him. After investing in his medical bills and so much time trying to give this little guy a "normal" life I decided to adopt him. This poor guy has had such a sad life. Please help to make the changes, so that other dogs can be spared at least some of the misery that comes of over-breeding for money.

Thank you,



Linda Visnaw

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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Thank you,



Elaine Jenkins
Lincoln Nebraska

P.S. I have heard it said that you can tell what a culture is like by the way it treats its animals. This is such a cruel and shameful business.

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

February 9, 2007

Mr. Coccodrilli:

Please enforce the changes being suggested for puppy mills, (which should not be allowed to begin). Double cage size, daily exercisc outside of cage, heat required and air conditioning, improved ventilation in kennel areas!! Deny kennel licenses to people convicted of animal cruolty with the past 10 years! Improvement of living conditions of dogs who suffer in puppy mills is impercative!!!

Please exempt shelters from these regs. Also foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you!

Karen OBrick
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Mary L. Cardin
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Murrysville, PA 15668

February 13, 2007

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

RE: Puppy Mills in PA

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Dear Ms. Bender,

Please accept my letter as support for the new, more humane regulations surrounding the puppy mill situation in PA. I support the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States

It's unbelievable to me that it could take so long to implement more guidelines and regulations to help these helpless and loving creatures... where is our humanity??

Please do everything in your power to act swiftly to protect these innocent puppies, and improve their "living" conditions.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Mary Cardin

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cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Senator Don White and Representative Joe Markosek

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