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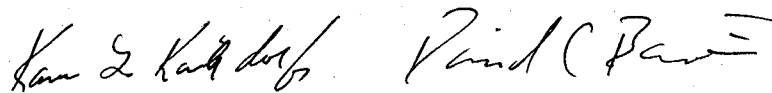
RE: PUPPY MILLS

Puppy mills are nothing more than prison camps for dogs and should be banned throughout the United States! We are horrified and ashamed that Pennsylvania has allowed this industry to not only exist within our state borders, but to make Pennsylvania the "Puppy Mill Capital of the East". Such governmental disregard for the lives and care of innocent, loving sentient beings marks Pennsylvania as a backward and heartless state.

Immediately and permanently shutting down all puppy mills would be optimal. However, if that is not possible, then we demand that you at least support the changes that were suggested last December to improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect these "commercial breeding operations". You should also support the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States

If anyone in our State government doesn't agree to these changes, they should remember this – there are millions of animal lovers in this country and millions more around the world. The internet brings us all together. Just think what a negative campaign aimed at the puppy mills (a good deal of which are run by the Amish) could do to the tourist trade. Many of us already refuse to visit Canada or purchase anything made in Canada because of the seal hunt. We can just as easily refuse to visit Pennsylvania!

Compassion and humane treatment **MUST** override profits! Remember, cruelty in the name of profit is still cruelty!



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