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

Hi, my name is Tayler Dolmayer, I live on 6517 Sanibel drive in Harrisburg, PA 17111. I am 11 years old, and I just started dog showing last summer. I would really like to continue and become a professional handler.

I am writing to comment on the proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will

not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

* Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards

* The proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices

* The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate

The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

If current regulations would be put in place we would not need to change the current laws. It would be very disappointing

to many children like myself if these new laws would eventually prevent future dog shows. Working with dogs and going into competition with other handlers builds self-esteem. I hope that this proposal will not go through.

Sincerely,

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