Dear IRRC Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli:

Many boarding kennels are family operated. The proposed changes are unfair to reputable owners as we may be forced to raise our rates for the extra and unnecessary paperwork. Our money already pays the many dog law enforcement people whose jobs are to inspect every operation on a regular basis to ensure that all the animals are well cared for and the kennel meets your already adequate guidelines.

Every kennel is unique and offers a range of different services to fit the wishes of potential clients. It would be inappropriate for The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to try to cookie-cut the operations of all kennels. If a boarding or breeding kennel is not conscientious about their animals, your officers should handle those situations appropriately—rather than have additional burdens imposed on all operations.

We strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed dog law so that people can continue to operate suitable kennels and the public can enjoy boarding their pets with operators who spend their time taking care of animals instead of more paperwork. Returning clients are the benchmark of a well-run kennel, not more regulations.

Sincerely,

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