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Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Mary Bender

I am writing to encourage your department to help crack down on the puppy mill industry here in Pennsylvania.

I understand that the proposed laws will affect all organizations that house dogs, kennels, rescues and even dog day care. I want to ask you to exempt shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Also, foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements with separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings. Foster homes are badly needed and we need to make sure that the government doesn't make these valuable people and their services too hard to comply to.

We are dog lovers and dog advocates and want to educate everyone to stop buying dogs from pet stores and disputable breeders. Our hopes as the demand decreases, the abuse will stop.

We thank you for your attention and time.

Most Sincerely,

David & Steffany Trueman