

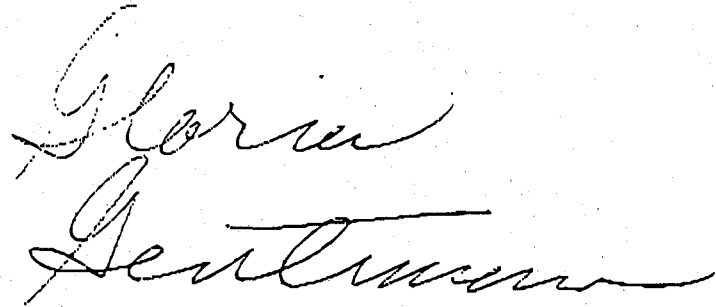
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To: Dog Law Bureau Director

I am from MO and we passed a law regulating Puppy Mills in 1996. Keep in mind that the good breeders are wanting a good reputation so the entire state is not boycotted. MO, like PA was getting a bad rap and many good breeders really wanted the laws to change because they were already providing adequate care, while other breeders were not. The bad breeders' lack of care were giving the good breeders a bad reputation. Just like any other money making business, animal care must be regulated and minimum standards must be upgraded because we are dealing with animals. These animals will be in someone's home and be a part of their family. It's a sad day when a young animal is euthanized because some breeder provided minimum or less than minimum standards and caused that dog or cat's health to be jeopardized. These are health or genetic issues that we can not see sometimes when they are puppies.

Pet food and pet supplies is a multi billion dollar business. Everyone makes money, but it all starts with the healthy pet.

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