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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Attn: Ms. Mary Bender

February 20, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am contacting the Dept of Dog Law Enforcement because I want to express my opinion on the proposed new regulations being discussed in Harrisburg. I feel that the care and conditions in the average hobby breeder's home is far superior to the conditions in the puppy factories in the Lancaster area. Yet those large breeders will probably find ways around the new rules and keep operating. But the small & dedicated hobby breeders will be forced to choose between raising their puppies by these new "commercial standards" like laboratory animals, or if they won't compromise their standards and will simply give up breeding.

We purchased a wonderful dog from a breeder who has been doing a great job for almost 30 years. He is a sweet and loving dog due to the fine socialization he was given in his first few months. He is healthy and very smart, which speaks well of her breeding stock. She said she absolutely will drop her kennel license and make sure she stays under the 26 dog requirement if this passes.

If PA loses too many good breeders like her it will be a big lose for the families looking for nice puppies. What will they do then, go to the pet store? This will just signal the "puppy mills" to do more inferior but for-profit-breeding. I don't think this is what the average citizen was led to believe when first told about these changes. I just found out about these regulation changes the other day and at first I thought it was a good idea to help the dogs in the puppy mills. Not until I spoke with my breeder did I find out what the real affect would be on her and others like her.

Please reconsider passing these new regulations. If you want to better control the puppy mills, then do that. Just don't hurt the good breeders in doing so.

Yours truly,

