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While I applaud your efforts to gain control of puppy mills, the proposed new dog law goes way too far. All you will really accomplish is to put the show and hobby kennels out of business.

These type kennels have usually spent a lifetime planning breeding that will produce a sound and healthy pet or show dog. While nature will always play a part that we can not control, most have also bred to minimize genetic defects. This is the best way to try and insure a good solid pet to go on to some ones family. If I have bred in the hopes of a top show dog then that can only mean those that go to pet homes are some of the best that can be offered.

Excuse me for saying but some of the issues I do not understand, I would like you to think about the questions I ask.

How is letting a dog walk on the grass at his new home alright but not where the pup was born and raised?

How is a twenty minute walk on a lead of more benefit than running and playing in a yard with the others?

Why is it logical to say a litter can not be born and raised in our physical home where they can be watched and nurtured 24 hours a day?

Is it not better to go into some ones house and see their dogs in the house and well socialized and loved?

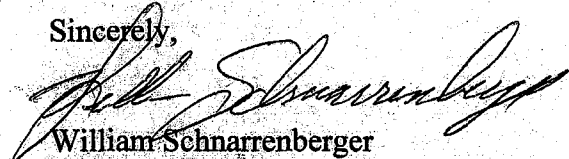
Pennsylvania already has very good laws that pertain to the show and hobby breeders, with inspections at least twice a year that by the way are unannounced. So if you are not in good order you may already have a legal problem or at the very least told to correct the problem should you fail the inspection.

As far as the puppy mills all they will do in send several dogs to many others so to stay within the proposed numbers and pay those people to raise their litters and stay legal.

While the true breeders that are more concerned with raising a happy healthy pup will go by the ways side. If you are going after the mills then go after them, enacting laws that will punish all for the deeds of others is not fair or just.

If I have misunderstood the proposed law then PLEASE send me a copy so I can understand better.

Sincerely,



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