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Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I found your address on a web site where I was searching for some information on the proposed changes to the Dog Laws in PA. I was recently speaking with a long time friend and kennel owner and she was discussing the various rule changes that all kennels will be facing if these new laws are put into effect.

She has operated a very lovely, small boarding kennel in an attractive country setting for the past 25 years. Every year her and her husband do things to improve and up-grade the facility. Now in spite of all their hard work it appears they might have to spend thousands of dollars to bring it "down" to meet the proposed "commercial breeder" requirements that all kennels would have to adhere to.

The inside kennel runs have ceramic tile floors and each one leads out to its' own large concrete outdoor exercise run. But she said the regulations would require taking these dogs outside for 20 minutes a day anyway, even though they each have access to their own outside run?

I don't know what has caused this drastic list of changes. I was told it is due to all the PA puppy mills. Most of the changes I've read about seem like they will not really benefit dogs in a small boarding kennel. Plus not being able to put my 30 lb. dog together with my 40 lb. dog will cost me more each time I board and my husband is not happy about that. Not to mention they enjoy having each other for security.

I hope you will reconsider and take another look at some of the wording in these proposals.

Sincerely,
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