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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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Dear Ms. Bender,

In regards to the changes being considered on the dog laws in PA, I am not sure what brought on this sudden sense of caring for a problem that has been going on for decades. I was told that some special interest groups have been putting pressure on the Governor to pass stricter dog breeding laws. I also thought the Governor stated after his election that he would not be influenced by any special interest groups during his final term in office. So with those conflicting statements in mind I would like to offer this one thought:

WHY is this happening NOW? At the exact same time when PETA, ASPCS and other groups are trying to get similar laws passed in OH, NJ, VA, MN and CO? Is this just a coincidence?

Are our law makers in PA going to react in the same lock-step manner as those in Kentucky did? Don't allow a few radical individuals and group, who have been shown to have used terrorist tactics in the past, dictate what our good state will do.

This may not seem like a big issue – just to pass a new list of rules that will “help all dogs”. But ask yourself why do these animal rights groups want this passed so badly that they have flooded the Dept. with hundreds of letters PRO these regulations? It is one of the first steps to their goal of stopping all breeding in PA. But then the pet stores will simply import their puppies from out of state and the discarded puppies ending up in rescues and shelter will continue.

I do hope I am so wrong, why does the feeling in my stomach tell me I'm not?

