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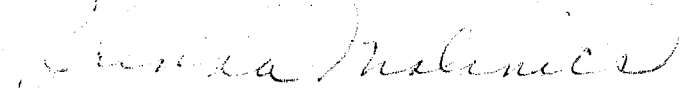
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

Like many Pennsylvanians, I believe that puppy mills in PA should be closed because there is no need to breed surplus dogs. Animals shelters are overflowing and thousands of dogs and puppies are killed daily. However, until the "breed for greed" mentality in PA ends, present kennel regulations need to be updated and improved. There also needs to be inspections of these sites as well inspections of all animals shelters.

Please count me among the tax payers who want improvement in current kennel standards for more cage space, less tethering, more protection from the elements and night predators and more time to exercise, stretch and roam freely in open enclosures. Dogs also need to be seen by veterinarians from the time they are born, throughout their life and before they are "sold as objects". Far too many puppy mill animals are sick and weak when they are purchased. No one should be breeding and paying for animals, while homeless ones are dying. Pennsylvania has the shameful distinction of being called the "puppy mill capitol of the East." I hope that your colleagues agree that this is a hideous distinction and one that needs to be changed immediately.

Sincerely,



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